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THE PRINCESS PAT'S

*Written when the Canadian regiment,
known as the "Princess Pat's,"
left for the front.*

A touch of the plain and the prairie,
A bit of the Motherland, too;
A strain of the fur-trapper wary,
A blend of the old and the new;
A bit of the pioneer splendor
That opened the wilderness' flats,
A touch of the home-lover, tender,
You'll find in the boys they call Pat's.

The glory and grace of the maple,
The strength that is born of the wheat,
The pride of a stock that is staple,
The bronze of a midsummer heat;
A blending of wisdom and daring,
The best of a new land, and that's
The regiment gallantly bearing
The neat little title of Pat's.

A bit of the man who has neighbored
With mountains and forests and streams,
A touch of the man who has labored
To model and fashion his dreams;
The strength of an age of clean living
Of right-minded fatherly chats,
The best that a land could be giving
Is there in the breasts of the Pat's.

EDGAR A. GUEST

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This lovely poem was written in 1914 and captured the unique spirit which carried our originals on to heroic deeds. Let us, as their successors, continue to follow in their footsteps, proudly.*

ORDER OF THE DAY
BY
MAJOR GENERAL G. G. BROWN, CD
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



Major General G. G. Brown, CD

1. On assuming my appointment as your Colonel of the Regiment, I wish to send my greetings and best wishes to all Patricias, Regular, Reserve and those who have left our ranks but as with all Patricias, continue to serve our Regimental Family.
2. That you have seen fit to select me for this great honour I have accepted humbly but with great pride. I realize the two great men I follow; Brigadier General A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD and Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, and the immense task I face in achieving their high standards of service and excellence but I dedicate myself in every respect to serve our Colonel-in-Chief and all Patricias to the best of my ability for our Queen, our Country, our Regiment and our Patricia Family.
3. I look forward with great pleasure and anticipation to seeing and speaking with all of you soon, to renew old acquaintances, to make new ones and to carry out my duties as your Colonel of the Regiment.

THE FIRST BATTALION

by
Lieutenant R. Romses

1976-1977 has passed with remarkable speed. For the soldiers of the First Battalion, it was a year filled with hard work, action-filled moments and professionally satisfying activities. Members of the battalion participated in a multitude of activities ranging from training as a professional and realistic Fantasian Force to plodding through the frozen wastelands of the North in Fort Simpson, N.W.T. and Churchill, Manitoba.

For all ranks, the highlight of the year was the presentation of new colours. Yes, there were seemingly endless days of preparation for these activities, but the end result - extremely successful events which made the heart stir in every member of the unit and hopefully, in the Regiment.

Another successful WAINCON 77 and before we realized it, summer leave was completed and the Battalion's Change of Command took place.

EX MEDICINE MAN VII

Charlie Company participated in a battle group exercise with BATUS (British Army Training Unit Suffield) in the barren wastes of Suffield, Alberta in October 1976. Joining in the fun with C Company were members of The Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, the Royal Tank Regiment and sub-units of Royal Engineers, and Royal Artillery.

The exercise consisted of several independent live-fire exercises in conjunction with armour and artillery. The whole series of exercises allowed us the opportunity to live, work and sleep with live ammunition. This was the first time a Canadian company had undergone training with the British at Suffield and all phases of war were covered. It was an excellent training opportunity for all from the new soldier to the company commander. The barren wastes proved to be quite trying at times as snow, frost, wind and sand were evident throughout. A chorus of cheers arose from C Company everytime a stick resembling a tree or a body of water was sighted. You could hear Lt Lambert lamenting "Cactus in Canada?" as he picked needles from his deflated air mattress.

Navigation bordered along the lines of finding the North West Passage. Ensuing arguments and beer wagering took place among our two notable pathfinders, Capt Mike "Columbus" Dillon and WO "Jacques Cartier" Ritchie. "Let's see now . . . the sunrise is in the east - I must be going . . ." Besides weathering the elements, we were on three weeks hard rations, which was quite a treat.

One of the highlights of the Exercise was "Ladies Night". The interested spouses of the men of C Company came out to watch a Killing Zone battle. "Yes dear, it is me - I washed last week, honest". "No, we aren't shooting at the poor Brits."

An extremely valuable training exercise and one which members of C Company will long remember.



C Company trained at Suffield with the British in October . . . Lt Bain giving orders to his section commanders during Ex MEDICINE MAN VII.



Members of C Company get ready for the next move at Suffield.

GLENBOW CENTRE OPENING

A new page in Western Canada's determined move to preserve its cultural history was turned with the official opening of the Glenbow Centre on September 22, 1976. This marks the first time in the Glenbow-Alberta Institute's 21 year history that all its departments are housed under one roof. The eight storey structure in Calgary cost almost \$9 million to build and contains an excellent military display.

A one hundred man Honour Guard from B Company 1 PPCLI, commanded by Capt Stevenson and trained by MWO Connell, participated in the opening ceremonies. The Honourable Ralph Steinhauer, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, was the reviewing officer, and he arrived to inspect the troops in a one-hundred year old horse-drawn buggy.

The guards' turn-out and performance were excellent as related by the many retired Patricias who observed the ceremony. The troops are to be congratulated, for the Battalion was in the middle of a course cycle which left little time for rehearsals.



Besides courses, we still had other tasks . . . Opening of the Glenbow Centre, September 22, 1976.

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COURSES

The battalion conducted many courses throughout the period September 1976 to August 1977. These were a Pay Level 4 Driver Wheeled Course, a Communications Course, a Sniper Course, a Machine Gun Course, a Driver Track Course, a Pioneer Course, a Mortar Course, a Pay Level 5A Course, a Pay Level 5B Course, a Pay Level 6A Course and a number of TOW conversion courses as well as Defensive Driving Courses. These were successful, and provided the Battalion with the trained soldiers required to carry out its' special roles.

Here's a description of some of these courses:



Unit Courses began in the Fall of 1976.

Clockwise from top left: Driver wheel course, Driver track course, 5A course, 5B course, 6A course and Sniper course.

COMBAT LEADERS COURSE - 5B

Autumn of 1976 saw A Company conducting Combat Leader Course #7601 to qualify a platoon of the Battalion's Junior NCOs and Senior Privates to Pay Level 5B.

Entailed in this course were the techniques of leading a section in the field, in Internal Security Operations, instructional techniques and airborne operations. Good ol' Wainwright was still there when the course deployed on their final field exercise to polish up on their patrolling, defence routine, withdrawal operations and the "daddy" of them all, The Advance to Contact . . . although a pretty hard course both physically and mentally, all the candidates felt quite tall on their Graduation Parade under the command of the HONOUR GRADUATE, Pte "Gerry" Topham of A Company.

6A COURSE

With Senior NCOs from A Company, Combat Support Company and 2 AB Cdo, plus a number of soldiers from A Company to act as the enemy, A Company was in full tilt conducting 6A Course #7701, geared to train and qualify 40 Master Corporals to the rank of Sergeant. Eight of these infantry soldiers had made the trip from 2 AB Cdo Edmonton to be trained by the Patricias.

Besides being a "refresher" on the skills of section leading, the candidates went into detailed instruction in fieldcraft, floating footbridges, Aid to the Civil Power, explosives, air photos, infantry/armour cooperation and DRILL.

As with all military leadership courses, it was a tough go with lots of brainwork in garrison and exhausting physical work in the field, but it was quite an achievement "to have it all behind you".

COMMUNICATOR COURSE

The Commanding Officer, LCol Foster, was the first to admit it; the PL 4 Infantry Communicator course is one of the most challenging and difficult courses available to the young soldier. It is also one of the more rewarding and necessary courses, necessary because without it, the Battalion would soon cease to communicate.

Each year the Battalion Signal Platoon conducts one or more courses. Each is designed to teach the infantryman the reason for "Jimmy's" existence. From voice procedure to radio and line, the students learned the detailed aspects of communications.

From the very first day the would-be-communicator discovers that more is involved with communications than meets the eye. Sitting in the back of a warm CP vehicle with a microphone in his hand and a gleam in his eye is not the entire picture of a communicator. With the course, comes the realization that a heavy responsibility can and does lie upon his shoulders. For example, it is not sufficient that he know how to talk on a radio. Knowing what NOT to say is equally important. During World War II General Kesselring of the Africa Corps was extremely grateful to hear this beauty on one of our allied nets; "Remember to go on radio silence by 2200 hrs 16 March". Needless to say, our young soldiers take the hint of a lesson learned once . . . the wrong way. The above statement alerted the Germans and resulted in many Allied casualties during their attacks on the Mereth Line.

The first two weeks of the course tend to "Drag on" as the students learn the "Must Knows", from voice procedure to com-

munications security. Boring it may be, but their value is to be acknowledged at a later date.

Suddenly, just as the confusion seems to be mounting, the clouds disappear and everything begins to fit. The practical aspects of line and radio are found to be both interesting and informative. Now, the voice procedure lessons are practised first hand on the radio and the unwary linesman gets his chance to be snared.

The focal point of the course is a week long field exercise designed to practise the students thoroughly in all phases of infantry communications. This time, the students descended upon the Forest Reserve west of the Chain Lakes area. With no "outside" disturbances, the students were able to consolidate the course material. The mistakes they had been warned about were discovered first-hand, such as misreading directions or composing messages when using the wrong side of the sheet. Aggravating isn't it! Imagine the communicator's facial "disturbance" when he hears "All stations this is 0, long message over", while he is wading his way through a swamp carrying the radio over his head, and you still think the communicator's life is the lap of luxury? Ask him sometime - but be prepared to defend yourself.

On November 5, 1976 the top two candidates from each of the Pay Level 4 courses were presented with a Certificate of Military Achievement by the CO. Congratulations are given to Pte Wentzell of B Company and Pte Bokovay of A Company both of whom passed the Signals Course with "Flying colours". The "Jimmy" spirit displayed by these two made the race a close one, with Pte Wentzell winning the position as TOP candidate for the course. In recognition of his efforts, the Signal Platoon presented him with their own plaque.

SURVIVAL SCHOOL

One of the most interesting of the many training schools conducted by the battalion in 1976/1977 was the Survival School. It was set up in February of 1977 in order to give the individual soldier an idea of what to expect if caught in the situation of being stranded in the wilderness in winter.

The instructional staff, Sgt Jarbeau, Sgt Clyde, MCpl Sarahs, MCpl Doucette, MCpl Currie, MCpl Vardy and Cpl MacKinnon, set up and organized the survival site just west of Calgary in the Bragg Creek area.

One company at a time went through the exercise. Survival, emphasizing the basics, was stressed. Each individual was taught how to build a lean-to with polyethylene or with a parachute.

Sgt Clyde, the master of the trap line, gave instruction on various types of snares which the men then tried their luck with. The men were also shown how to catch and skin a porcupine. Some of the men were fortunate enough to snare a few squirrels and try their hand at cooking them over a fire.

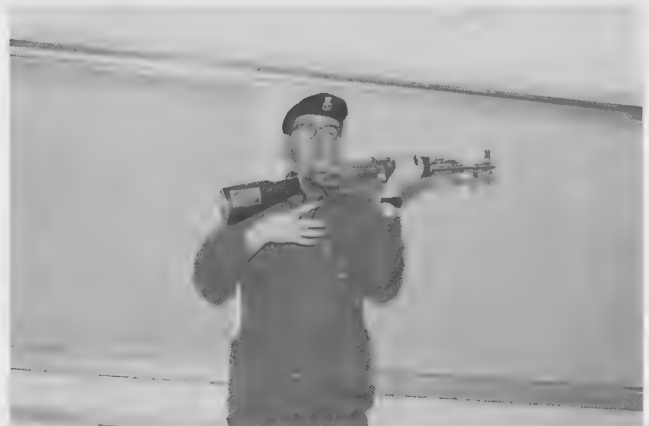
At the half way point of the exercise, each lean-to group was given a live chicken with which they were able to test their ability at plucking and cooking.

Once the instructional portion of the exercise was over, the candidates were allowed to wander through the wilderness at will and practise all the different techniques of survival which had been taught.

All personnel, at the end of the exercise, gathered up their belongings and headed back to Calgary with renewed respect for the wilderness. The candidates enjoyed themselves immensely and appreciated the opportunity to use their initiative.

WARSAW PACT SCHOOL

Warsaw Pact training was conducted by the Battalion Intelligence Section from January 31 until February 24, 1977. During that period, lectures were presented on such topics as the Warsaw Pact, Soviet tactics, individual soldier training in the Soviet Union, weapons and equipment of the standard Motorized Platoon, Company and Battalion. The bulk of the periods were given by the Intelligence Section with the exception of two guest lecturer periods. The training was successful and certainly provided a sound background for the battalion's role of providing the enemy force for WAINCON 77.



The Intelligence Section (clockwise from top left) Lt Lovell, Sgt Millwater, MCpl Parker, MCpl Izzard and Cpl Ror, discuss weapons of the Soviet Union during Warsaw Pact Training.



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FANTASIAN PLATOON

In late September 1976, BGen St. Aubin, Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group, directed the First Battalion to produce an aggressor force to be employed during WAINCON 77. This Fantasian Platoon would provide the opportunity for the brigade to exercise their combat skills against a realistic foe.

1 PPCLI energetically undertook this task. From October to February all research was conducted by the Intelligence Section under Lt Lovell. Lt Penman was appointed coordinator and developed a uniform and weapon modifications. The Trade Pioneers produced minefield markers, and other signs which would be found in Fantasian defensive positions. Sgt Major, the armourer, adapted the FN C2 and SMG to resemble Warsaw Pact small arms.

Finally in mid-March, 1977, the Enemy Platoon was assembled. Thirty-one of the best NCOs and soldiers from A, B, and C Companies were selected. The Fantasian Platoon Commander was Lt Romses, while the "Senior Sergeant" was Sgt Lewis and later Sgt Eisan. The platoon produced their own uniforms, adapted their weapons with the modifications, reorganized into a Fantasian Platoon organization and began comprehensive Fantasian training which even included language training. Maintenance Platoon at this time was producing a modified APC to represent a Russian BMP. Eventually three BMPs were produced.

Visits to the platoon by the Commander of Mobile Command and later, by the Chief of Defence Staff, kept the platoon very active. The highlight of this total effort was playing the role of enemy during WAINCON 77. This was done in two phases: first, Exercise PRAIRIE JACK with every company in the Brigade, in turn, attacking the Fantasian Platoon defensive position and secondly, Exercise PRAIRIE SCHOONER with battalions, from the Brigade and a British battalion attacking in turn, a Fantasian Company defensive position. The Fantasian Company was C Company, which included the Fantasian Platoon and was commanded by Maj Crabbe.



Training continued and included the formation of a Fantasian Platoon . . . The Fantasians paraded for the CDS.



The CDS talks to the enemy Platoon.

THE FRENCH GREY CUP BACKGROUND

The first flag football competition in 1 PPCLI was called the Gold Cup. The trophy, in fact, made of wood, was carved from a piece of 2" x 4" timber. The first competition was in 1954 and the trophy was presented by Capt Muir (the pioneer platoon commander) to A Company.

Although there was no game in 1955 (the battalion deployed to Germany), the decision was made to have this event an annual competition. The name was changed to the FRENCH GREY CUP for the following reasons:

to commemorate the occasion when the Regiment first went into the line alongside the French Army (January 6, 1915) and when it subsequently relieved a regiment of the French Army; and

in honour of the 3rd Canadian Division, with which the Regiment served during World War I (December 22, 1915 to November, 1918). The colour of the Divisional patch was "French Grey".

In 1956, the format of the festivities was changed to include a battalion parade in any dress and to include a variety of floats; at least one from each company in the Battalion. Also introduced, was a "Miss French Grey Cup" competition - to be chosen from the queen (?) that each company provided to decorate its float. The queen was to be a member of that company.

The original trophy was stolen in 1958 and was replaced by the present silver trophy. This silver trophy was donated by the commanding officer of the First Battalion - LCol J. C. Allan, DSO, MBE, CD.

The 1976 French Grey Cup was the 28th such competition. There have been three years without competition because of battalion rotations to and from operational tours in Europe and Cyprus. B Company had won the Cup for the previous two years. This year's 1976 Champion was A Company.

1976 FRENCH GREY CUP

The top two teams in the Battalion's inter-company flag football series, Alpha Company (The Big Red Machine) and Charlie Company had been rivals throughout 1976. That is the way it still was after Combat Support Company won the Best Float award, when Bravo Company got the "Most Beautiful Queen" prize and when Major General G. G. Brown, CD, then Senior Serving Patricia and now Colonel of the Regiment, kicked off the 1976 French Grey Cup football game between the two rivals.

With Private "Joe" Gosselin's touchdown and MCpl "Clay" MacLean's convert, the Big Red Machine were not only victors over Charlie Company with a score of 8-3, but Pte Gosselin was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award. Even though not everybody can win an award, Special Mention and Thanks go to the coach of the team, MCpl "Don" Philpott.



... and at another battlefield ... MGen G. G. Brown kicks-off for the 1976 French Grey Cup.



1976 French Grey Cup Winners. A Company "The Big Red Machine", Front Row: L to R - Don Sillers; Joe Gosselin; Pat Doucette; A Company Queen, Ken Cyrenne; Bob Thibeau; Dan Holst, Dave Basham; Graham MacDonald; The Coach, Don Philpott and Bob Peacock. Rear Row: Ron Hamilton; Pte Domshy; Clay MacLean; Dave Bradley; Doug Kelly; Jan Vanderelst; Mike Johnson; Al Garnon; Mutt Crossman; Dan Hansen; Dave Pentney and George Jackson.

SKI SCHOOL

The Battalion Ski School was conducted throughout January and February 1977 by Combat Support Company at the Fortress Mountain Ski area. The job of preparing the school was a large one. Skis were prepared under the guidance of the RQMS, MWO Franklin. Gouges were filled and the skis waxed over a two week period. Pioneer Platoon was tasked to move four general purpose huts from Wainwright to Kananaskis and rebuild them within a two week period. Under the capable direction of Sgt Nicholl, the housing complex was ready on time and by January 25th, 1PPCLI Ski City was ready for action. All companies rotated through the school for a week of skiing, and an excellent learning experience was had by all.

EXERCISE NORTHERN RUN

C Company was in Churchill, Manitoba for Exercise NORTHERN RUN in March of 1976. This winter training included patrolling in the North and the construction of all types of defenses to evaluate the effectiveness of both weapons and defenses.

The patrolling phase of the exercise went well and many lessons were learned. It seemed that the enemy put up just one trip flare too many for 8 Platoon's recce patrol. "No Mr. Lambert, the 4th of July doesn't fall on March 9th." 9 Platoon sent out MCpl "Eagle Eyes" Douglas on their recce patrol. The Eagle was sure that he was being attacked from the rear but the noise turned out to be cracking ice, not the enemy. While all this patrolling was going on, the Transport NCO, MCpl Boletta, thought up a new

way of staying indoors. One quick slip on the ice shortened his neck by an inch and put an unauthorized dent in the cab roof of his truck.

The support staff did a marvellous job of keeping us going. Sgt Smith, the CQMS, went out of his way to get the troops what they needed. We finally had to ask him to tell his driver to stop attacking our snow defenses with his skidoo (Pte Benny!) Our Medics did a fine job throughout the exercise. MCpl Gross almost had to treat himself for a nervous breakdown after all the worrying he did about getting home from Churchill and off to Hawaii on time. Cpl Mainville decided he couldn't cure Company HQ anyway so why not go and live with the enemy. Capt "Polar Bear" Dillon told us all a great story about the polar bear's seal-hunting techniques. He will be glad to tell the story to anyone still willing to listen.

The second phase of the exercise saw the platoons start on their snow defenses and, with considerable hard work, the job was completed on time. Company HQ personnel built their own trench. The OC, Maj Crabbe, wasn't impressed with it so he put his reputation and several bottles of beer on the line. He concentrated the fire of a Carl Gustav and a .50 Caliber machine gun on the trench but couldn't punch a hole in it. Tough luck sir! You should have trusted our knowledge and PAST EXPERIENCE.

After the trenches were completed, two days were spent attacking them. Although it was quite cold, the platoons did their thing and all went well. After the attack of the 17th, the company moved back to the Base Camp to celebrate Regimental Day with some sports activities. 9 Platoon, commanded by Lt Romses, must have been practising secretly because they came out on top. Company HQ and 8 Platoon still believe that MacKennely and Lt Pillar, who organized the events, were paid off by 9 Platoon. Well Mac, is it true? After the Officers bought a round, the Privates decided it was good time for a mutiny so they gave the chain of command a snow bath, one at a time. The mutineers must have felt that the OC was a particularly dirty character because he went for the treatment twice. The cooks at CFS Churchill baked us a tremendous cake complete with an APC. WO Clark, the station WO and Mr. Buck Delaronde, a former Patricia and resident of Churchill, joined us for the festivities. As the exercise drew to a close, WO Overton, our CSM, refused to write-off "Terrible Teddy's" winter warfare POs and Capt Dillon finally found someone who would listen to his story about the bear.

In conclusion, much was learned on this exercise about winter warfare. It even caused some of our finer minds to produce the following poem while under the strains of the exercise:

SENTRY

I was cold and hungry
Done caught a chill
When the eyes of a Polar Bear
Topped the hill.

He was big and mean and
Kind of white
In nothing flat I was
Clean out of sight.

I ran so hard
My mukluk froze
But couldn't stop
He was tearing my clothes.

The race went on
Most of the night
When all of a sudden
There appeared a light.

MacDonalds was open
And I looked back
The bear and I stopped
For a Mac attack.

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"Q"

EX BEE STING

Ex BEE STING was first conceived by Capt D. Stevenson as a realistic training exercise to generate enthusiasm and a realistic learning situation for the soldiers of "BEE" Company. It was a deep penetration raid against a Fantasian industrial airport. The airport just happened to be at Red Deer, Alberta. Each soldier carried his basic load of ammunition, one day's rations, the clothes on his back and nothing else.

The attack force, commanded by Capt Bailey, was "choppered" in behind enemy lines. On landing, the force immediately moved out under the cover of darkness and closed in on the enemy airfield.

To destroy the runways, there were three cratering teams each carrying 125 pounds of high explosive. Three search and destroy teams, armed with MAWs, were to destroy hangars and parked aircraft. A car bomb disguised as an MP vehicle raced up to the control tower. With siren screaming and lights flashing it cleared the enemy road block and parked alongside the control tower. 500 pounds of high explosives (simulated) went off. Minutes later, another dull roar was heard as the airport fuel dump was hit. The strike force disengaged and made its way back to their rendezvous, and were swiftly airlifted back to safety. Members of the Calgary Highlanders acted as the enemy. They, despite tear gas and guard dogs, suffered a severe thrashing. The raid was a complete success and one to be long remembered by B Company.



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PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS AND FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION

The First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in conjunction with CFB Calgary's Armed Forces Day celebrations, put on a two-day extravaganza which included both a military equipment and firepower display at the Sarcee Training Area on Saturday May 7th, and a Presentation and Trooping of the Colours ceremony at Calgary's McMahon Stadium on Sunday, May 8th, 1977.

The festivities met with overwhelming success as an estimated 30,000 spectators viewed the firepower activities and another 15,000 witnessed the historic Presentation of New Colours ceremony.

The weekend was highlighted by the presence of our Colonel in Chief, The Lady Patricia Brabourne. Lady Brabourne was accompanied by her father, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Lady Brabourne's calm ease and great charm once again greatly endeared her to her Regiment.



Lady Brabourne's arrival commenced a week of activities . . . Lady Brabourne inspects her arrival guard commanded by Maj Harris.

Saturday's firepower demonstration was delayed by 30 minutes in order to accommodate the unexpectedly large turnout. Many spectators found themselves in slow moving traffic to the demonstration area, caused by the thousands of automobiles. It was worth the effort however, as static displays and combat demonstrations entertained all. Children and adults alike were treated to rides in armoured personnel carriers and to the firing of firearms with blank rounds. Demonstrations included a comparison of World War One soldiers and weapons to their modern day counterparts, a company-sized mechanized attack with live mortar fire, a rappelling demonstration, an aerial display of helicopters and fighter aircraft and the Skyhawks parachute team.



Firepower Demonstrations, May 7, 1977 . . . The WWI Platoon puts on a demonstration of fire as 30,000 spectators look on.



Cpl Zubkowski thrilled thousands with the effectiveness of .50 cal fire.



Charlie Company carries out a mechanized attack.



Lord Mountbatten of Burma, MGen Brown and Capt Parent at the Presentation of New Colours ceremony.

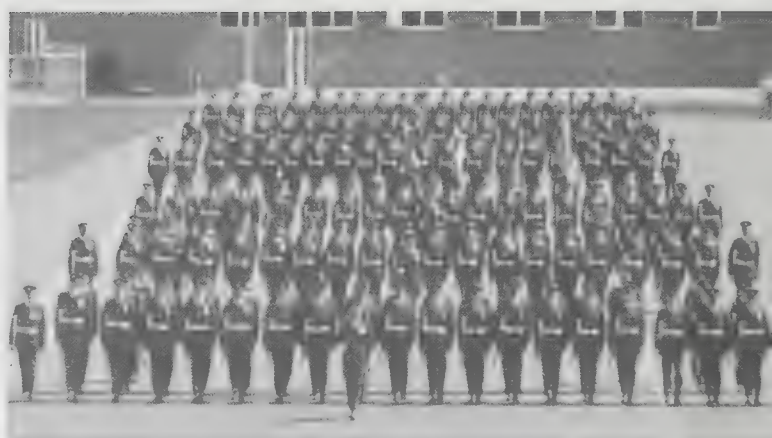
Sunday the 8th of May dawned clear and bright and the light breeze wafting through McMahon Stadium made the conditions ideal for both the troops on parade and for the 15,000 spectators who turned out to witness the historic presentation of new Colours to the Battalion.



15,000 spectators watch the Presentation of New Colours, May 8, 1977 . . . The New Colours are presented to 1 PPCLI by the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, The Lady Patricia Brabourne.

The retiring Colours had been received from Her Majesty the Queen by the First Battalion in Victoria in 1959. The 1st Battalion had the distinction of being the last Regular Force Battalion in the Canadian Armed Forces to carry the Queens' Colour based on the Grand Union.

Also of great significance to the Regiment was the fact that the Ceremonies of Trooping and Presentation of new Colours were being carried out on the 62nd Anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg, where the Regiment made one of its most gallant stands. The Regiment also had great pleasure in having as its guest on the dais, Mr. Alex Rennie, one of the few remaining survivors of that epic battle.



The battalion marches past.

Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD in his last official act as Colonel of the Regiment for the past 18 years, proudly led the Old Guard past the Colonel - in - Chief and the newly appointed Colonel of the Regiment, Major General G. G. Brown, CD.



The superb parade was complimented by a four-jet-fly past.

Patricia friends and comrades of every era in the history of the Regiment attended the week-end of events and found a warm welcome. The most popular gathering place for old comrades was the "Better Ole", a simulated bunkered position, which was operated out of the Junior Ranks Mess.

The tremendous response from the citizens of Calgary made all of the events, the results of months of meticulous planning, and finalized by four weeks of intensive preparation, a gratifying and memorable experience for all members of the Battalion.

The First Battalion extends it's sincere appreciation to all, far too numerous to mention, who worked so hard towards the success of a most memorable week-end.

SMALL ARMS TEAM

After the Presentation of Colours Ceremony, the small arms team commenced training in preparation for the 1 Canadian Brigade Group Small Arms (1 CBGSA) Competition, June 27th to July 1st 77.

The 1 CBGSA competition was a success and 1 PPCLI won their share of the events. Notably, the SMG Team with Sgt Smith, (coach), Sgt Johansen, Sgt Jarbeau, MCpl Holst, Cpl Murza and Cpl Payne won the unit SMG competition. The 3 man team of Sgt Smith, Sgt Johansen and Cpl Murza won the SMG Obstacle Course Event. The top SMG Individual was Sgt Johansen. Other SMG Individual winners were Cpl Murza, who won the 35 yard Kneeling Snap and 100 yard Fire and Movement and MWO White who won the 50 yard rapid.



The Small Arms Team trained throughout May and June . . . MWO White demonstrating his winning form.



LCol Megill presents the 1 Canadian Brigade Group Small Arms SMG Shield to Sgt Smith, the team captain and coach of the SMG team. Members are Sgt Johansen, Cpl Murza, Cpl Payne, MCpl Holst and Sgt Jarbeau.

The 3 man Pistol Team with MWO White, Cpl Mathews and Cpl Lauritsen won the Clay Bird snap event. Their individual winner was MWO White - 50 yd slow fire.

The 4 man Rifle Team of MWO White, Sgt Smith, Cpl Murza and Cpl Payne, won the Obstacle Course event. Individual winners were Cpl Lauritsen, the 100 yd standing snap and the 500-1000 yd fire and movement; MCpl Holst, the 200-300 yd kneeling snap; Pte Denninger, the 500 yd Rapid; MWO White, 500 yd deliberate and the 200, 300, 500 yd deliverate aggregate.

The 2 man Sniper Team of Pte Mrozinski and Pte Denninger won the Long Range Event.

Following this competition, there were three weeks of practice for the 1 CBG Small Arms Team. This culminated in a one day competition with the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association. Sgt Smith won the Individual Aggregate as well as the 200 yd sitting snap and 500 yd deliberate. Cpl Lauritsen won the 100 yd Standing Snap.

On August 4th the 1 CBG team participated in the CFRSA Competition held at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa under the auspices of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

Honourable mention goes to Cpl Lauritsen who placed second for the Queen's Medal and Sgt Smith, who placed third.

1 PPCLI individual winners at the CFRSA competition were Sgt Smith who won the 200 yd sitting snap and Cpl Lauritsen who tied in the Rapid Aggregate.

The 4 man Rifle Falling Plates team of MWO White - 1 PPCLI, Cpl Lauritsen - 1 PPCLI, Cpl Logan - 2 PPCLI and MCpl Countryman - 3 PPCLI, won this event in 6 heats.

1 PPCLI will have 3 members on the 1978 Bisley Team. They are MWO White, Sgt Smith and Cpl Lauritsen.

Overall, 1 PPCLI had a good small arms year in 1977.

MARY OTTER TEAM

Again this year, 1PPCLI entered a team in the Mary Otter Competition. Charlie Company provided the team which consisted of Cpl Brewster, Cpl Fischer, Pte Bruyere, Pte Downey, Pte Martin and Pte Rachar.

The team began an ambitious training program under Cpl Brewster in mid-February. On March 23rd, under the watchful eye of LCol Foster and a small audience, the team was tested for the Prairie Regional Championships. Their hard work and arduous efforts were not wasted as they defeated 12 other teams to win the championship.

The team next participated in the Canadian Championships in May 1977. Unfortunately the team did not win, but placed a very respectable third. Each of these six soldiers can be satisfied with the knowledge that if a fellow soldier was ever in need of help, he could confidently deal with the situation.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On Friday, August 12, 1977, LCol L. W. MacKenzie, CD accepted command of 1 PPCLI from LCol K. R. Foster, CD in a short but emotional parade held on the parade square at Currie Barracks.

BGen Mitchell, CD, Commander 1 CBG, presided over the change of command. The program also included an inspection, marchpast, and presentation of gifts. After accepting a token of appreciation from all ranks of the battalion, LCol Foster, CD presented the battalion with his gift - "The Soldier", a splendidly mounted bren gun to be awarded annually to the most deserving Cpl-Pte in 1 PPCLI.

Braving the threatening weather, approximately 100 guests of the battalion watched the parade, including the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen G. G. Brown, CD and His Worship Mayor R. Sykes of Calgary.



Outgoing Commanding Officer LCol K. R. Foster, CD congratulates LCol L. W. MacKenzie, CD on accepting command of 1 PPCLI. From left to right are BGen Mitchell, Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group, LCol K. R. Foster, His Worship Mayor R. Sykes, LCol L. W. MacKenzie and MGen G. G. Brown, Colonel of the Regiment.



Outgoing Commanding Officer LCol K. R. Foster, CD bids farewell to his comrade-in-arms RSM A. McMillan, MMM, CD.

I PPCLI AT A GLANCE



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We did an awful lot of drill . . .

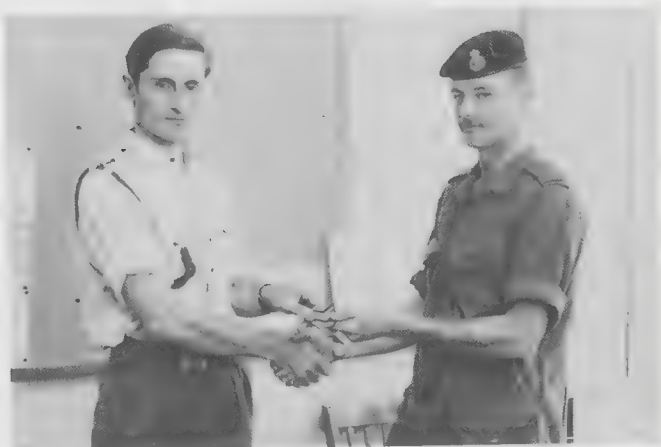


But we always had some time for our families . . .



And we made new friends too!

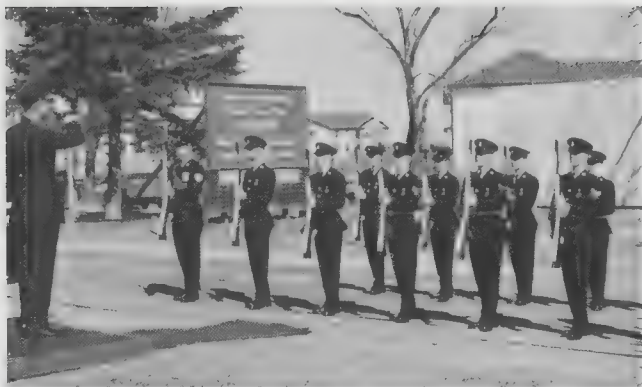
1 PPCLI PROMOTIONS



And these were only a few!!!

7 - 8 MAY, 1977





We had numerous visits throughout the year . . .

On March 30, 1977 the Chief of Defence Staff visited the First Battalion. The CDS was met at the main gate by a quarter guard under the command of Sgt Morton.



MCpl Vanderelst briefing MGen Hoffman, Commander AMF, about the Combat Leaders Course.



The battalion celebrated the Regimental Day on March 17, 1977 with a parade followed by Inter-Company Broom-i-loo.



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We took time out to remember past battles . . . November 11th.



We had our share of inspections . . . Signals Platoon preparing for a weapons and vehicle inspection.



LCol Foster inspects B Company. RSM McMillan and MWD Connell look on.



Meanwhile indoors . . . The Battalion's basketball team captured the Base Calgary Championship and moved on to the Prairie Regionals.



And some exercises moved indoors . . . Ex NORTHERN PASSAGE.



The Men's Christmas Dinner was held on December 17, 1976. The traditional FIRST PLATE is prepared by LCol Foster, assisted by RSM McMillan.



Sgt Komadina receives the Most Proficient Sergeant award from LCol Foster.



Lt Romses receives the Most Proficient Subaltern award from LCol Foster. Capt Waymouth, the adjutant, looks on.

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The Branch is proud of our part in the preservation of the PPCLI Regimental Band. Many of your members are our members - those who are not, as well as serving members of the battalion, are cordially invited to join.



GREETINGS

This is my final letter of greetings as Mayor to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and my first as an Honorary Patricia.

I am very proud of my association with the Regiment over the years and so I was particularly happy when your Colonel-in-Chief presented me with the Regimental tie earlier this year, and invited me to join that small and select group so distinguished.

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Thank you all for everything you have done for me and for our City. I expect that I will see you from time to time in the future, but I shall certainly miss being your Mayor.

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THE SECOND BATTALION

by Lieutenant B. N. Hall

The Second Battalion returned home from Cyprus in October, only to be skilfully ambushed by the officials of Customs Canada. (It is rumoured that the microfilm that they were searching for was never found; however, I have it on good authority that it was "held-over" at the Venus Theatre for five weeks).

In any event, the Battalion quickly recovered from this administrative hiccup and proceeded on leave.

Everyone was back to work by the 15th of November, at which time there was a general re-organization of personnel within the Battalion. In addition, we started planning for our winter Primary Combat Function courses.

The largest break in this routine was a Command Post Exercise, "Northern Passage" in Calgary, where the chief comment seemed to be about the amount of static electricity on the wall to wall carpets.

1976 ended with the traditional Christmas celebrations and a one day Winter Mini-Olympics. Activities such as a Cross-Country Ski and Shoot Competition, Snowshoe Races, and a Tent Group Race provided lots of excitement for all those involved. Maj Gen Ware presented the trophies at a parade afterwards.

The new year started off busily with the Battalion conducting several more Primary Combat Function courses. During January, 14 Patricia's went to Wainwright for Ex Rapier Thrust V.

Towards the end of February, the Battalion was honoured by a visit from the Chief of Defense Staff. There was a slight delay when the CDS was "bumped" at Trenton; he did however, manage to hitch a ride on the next day's flight and his visit went very smoothly from then on.

The month of March was spent by most doing "work-ups" and preparations for Waincon 77, except for 100 people involved in a Combat Leaders Course. All planning and the Course were finished by the end of April, and the Battalion was fully deployed in Wainwright by the 3rd of May.

The first two weeks of Waincon 77 were spent conducting section and platoon level training.

Section and Platoon commanders could be seen talking secretly in small groups. They were obviously engaged in heated discussions, and occasionally the words "Little Green Book" could be heard. Gradually though, the ideas of fire teams and pepper-potting were adopted and used effectively.

The weather was hot, and personnel from Headquarters Company were observed walking about with sandbags, ready to attack any fire that started. This practice was to prove very effective for the Battalion's next task, "Operation Balance", the deployment to Nipiwini Provincial Park in Saskatchewan to fight forest fires.

On the evening of May 15th, there were a lot of Company Smokers in progress when the beer started to run low. Unfortunately the Messes had already been closed by the Commanding Officer; this was the first clue that something was going on. Subsequently the various companies were briefed and told that the next day might bring a deployment to Saskatchewan. B Company quickly settled down to bed except for the Rifle Team, who had been scheduled to fly home the next day.

The rain started the next morning when the Battalion received the order to move. The activities of breaking camp and the move to Prince Albert went extremely well, and was a valuable exercise for the Battalion. Naturally, the rain followed us up.

On the 17th of May we arrived in Nipiwini (it was still raining!) and set up our first bivouac. Four hours later we moved to our final site.

The final few days of the operation were spent being introduced to our guides, and patrolling the burnt-out forests. We spent long hours attempting to extinguish small "smoke holes" and underground fires. (Oh yes . . . it was still raining).

On May 22nd, the Battalion redeployed to Wainwright. The next four weeks were spent in live fire and attack exercises up to the Brigade Level. These proved to be excellent exercises for the Battalion to concentrate on their SOP's and for all ranks to improve their teamwork.

After Waincon 77, and the clean-up completed, the Battalion went on leave, except for two groups.

The first group was the Rifle Team which competed at the 1 Canadian Brigade Group Small Arms Competition. The competition was extremely close with our Battalion finishing second behind Third Battalion. We did send seven members to Ottawa on the Brigade Team where the Regiment swept the matches at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa.

The second group was Alpha Company which journeyed to BATUS, in Suffield Alberta, to participate in a three week live fire exercise with the British Army. This exercise, "Medicine Man III", was enjoyed by all ranks and was of immense training value to A Company. Many soldiers commented "you know, tanks seem to be a fairly good idea in a modern army!"

The last two exercises to round off the summer were Northern Viking and Norploy, participated in by Bravo and Charlie Company respectively. These hardy northern warriors spent a lot of time practicing various patrolling skills and for C Company, sea sickness drills were prepared and written by the Senior NCO's for the time which would be spent on ship.

September 6th brought about a large re-organization in every company, and the Battalion had a heavy fall training programme planned. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so . . .

CDS VISIT



The B Company Quarter Guard welcomes our Chief of Defence Staff.



Jadex chats with the A Company water polo team.



General Dextraze and Pte Moon watch inter-company sports events.



MCPL L. A. Ironstand receives the CDS Commendation from Gen Dextraze for bravery.

COMMANDER'S INSPECTION



Brigadier General St. Aubin speaks to Pte K. A. MacKillop of The Corps of Drums.



The Brigade Commander presents The Battalion Small Bore competition trophy won by 'B' Company. MCPL J. C. Larocque receives the trophy on behalf of B Company.



CSM R. L. Ransome and Maj J. Hunter inspect 'C' Company prior to commander's inspection.



Capt K. D. Brigden and CSM D. J. MacDonell inspect Pte C. W. Wells of Support Company.

REGIMENTAL DAY AND DRILL COMPETITION



The Battalion command race last place winners.



L to R - Ptes Wales, Loman, Vidal and MCPL McInnis supporting Cpl Haywood after having scored winning broom-i-loo point for Support Company.



"Life has its ups and downs" Pte Ewing negotiating an obstacle during the ski-snowshoe race.



An unidentified Sergeant-Major "takes off" in the command race.



Support Company hockey team, winners of The Battalion hockey championship.



"It's tough when you get old", MCPL G.W.Pambrun relaxing between periods of the final hockey game.

KAPYONG DAY



The colour party: Sgt Walsh, Lt Beattie, Sgt Rodgers and WO Paul.



Sgt Cummings, a Kapyong Patricia, reads the United States distinguished unit citation to the Battalion.



The Colonel of the Regiment talks to Sgt Brown of B Company.



Pte Bolen accepts drill competition trophy for A Company from Maj Gen Ware.



We all wonder what the RSM is telling Mrs. Ware as she arrives at the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess for the Kapyong Dinner.



Major General Cameron Bethel Ware DSO, CD takes the last salute during the 1977 Kapyong Parade which was his last parade with the Battalion as Colonel of the Regiment.



The Officers.

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C Company enplaning for a long journey.



Lt Barry Lewis with a new friend.



Sgt Lewis is obviously impressed with Lt Pattison's charm.



"Saddle up" L to R - Pte Crossman, Pte Broderick, MCPL Sutherland and Cpl Dagenais.



"The dentist said I had no cavities." Capt Jensen giving the cameraman a big smile.

CORPS OF DRUMS

Visit to Mobile Command Headquarters



Brown's Bastion in Cyprus accepted into our Regimental history.



Corps of Drums visit to Mobile Command Headquarters.

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INTER COY DRILL COMPETITION



'A' Company's Drill Platoon, commanded by WO Demeules, winners of the inter-coy drill competition.



The Battalion spends the night at the armouries in Prince Albert.



Sgt Mills and Ptes Buehler, Bolen and LePage unload firefighting equipment.



Bush pilot looks on as members of A Company perform aircraft loading drills.



Members of B Company sort themselves out.



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"If he is not playing darts he is sleeping." MCPL G.J. Sweetapple of C Company.



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WAINCON '77

Visit by The Colonel-in-chief



CWO Wilson receives his Chief Warrant Officers Certificate from the Colonel-in Chief.



Lady Patricia reviews the Battalion on her departure from Waincon 77.

A COY WAINCON



MCPL Jean and Pte Barrett in the Fup.



A Company advancing to contact.



Members of 2 Section 1 Platoon on the move during one of the many live fire exercises.



An A Company soldier moving up to the firing line.

B COY WAINCON



Father Nowakowsky with members of B Company.



Lt Romus "Big Bird" Blekaitis briefs his patrol.



Cpl Culleton inspects Pte Densmore before going on patrol.



Cleaning after firing.



Sgt Gill engaged in village clearing operations.

C COY WAINCON



"I hope that there are no dogs out there." Cpl Boogle, MCPL Pryce and Maj Martin (?).



Ptes Weinraugh and Stewart - GPMG Team.



7 Platoon prepares to advance during a field firing exercise.



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RECCE detachment - Sgt Hardy, Ptes Mileusnic and Riordan.



"Rat Patrol"



"It wasn't all work." Members of Sp Company relax during Frezenberg Day.



"Ever Alert" - Cpl Davis Regimental Police.



All Companies became proficient in watermanship.



"This is how it's done." Sgt G.J. Longpre and Pte H.C.R. Foster of Mortar Pl. - setting up in baseplate position.



2 1/c mortars - Lt E.M. Eckley at work.



"Stand-by" - members of Mortar Pl. during a live fire exercise.



"Soon to be replaced by the TOW." 106 RR Detachment.



Cpl Hoffart of Armoured Defence Pl sights in the 106 RR.



"Back Blast"



Cpl Skinner of Signals Platoon "the Battalion command post".



Signals Platoon were always well dressed for all occasions.

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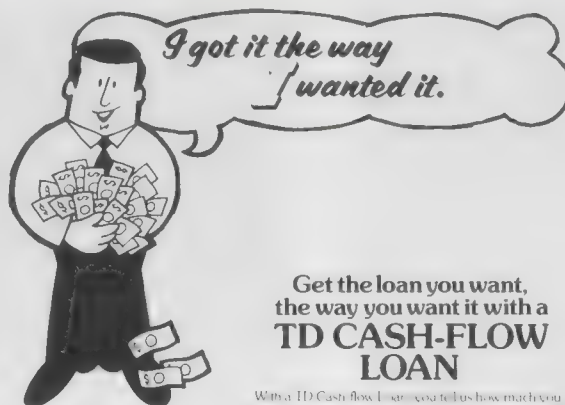


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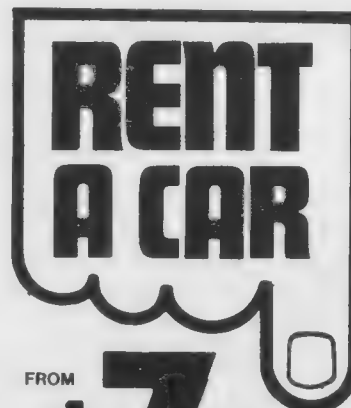
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LCol Gollner serves Christmas dinner to Pte M.W. Norton.



The Battalion Corps of Drums 'stick' drill.

PHOTO IMAGES

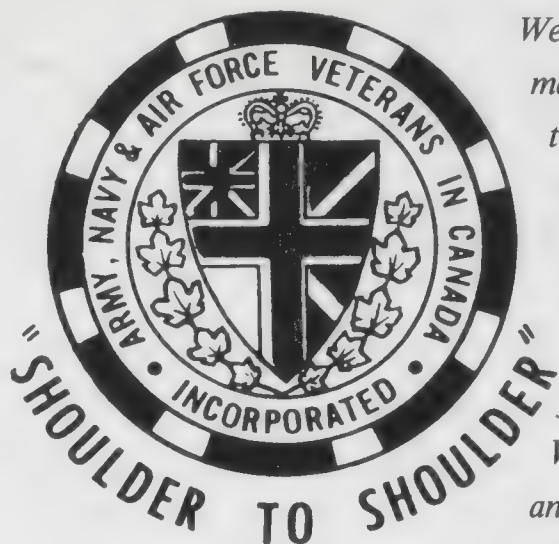












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THE THIRD BATTALION

by Lieutenant R. E. Thompson

The 1975-1976 Patrician concentrated on the Third Battalion's tour in Cyprus, which was considered at all levels of command to be a tremendous success. This Patrician will report upon the Third Battalion's activities commencing with the Battalion's reorganization in Work Point Barracks in Victoria, B.C. in May 1976, and will close with a preview of the Third Battalion's 1977 summer taskings, including both a BATUS serial in CFB Suffield and a company exchange with the Australian Army.

RETURN FROM CYPRUS

On 22 May 1976, the City of Victoria officially welcomed 3 PPCLI home from Cyprus by inviting the Battalion to exercise its right to the Freedom of the City of Victoria. The ceremony took place on the lawn of the Legislative Buildings, with Mayor Young taking the salute and the inspection. When the inspection was completed and the Mayor had officially welcomed the unit home, the Battalion fixed bayonets, let their Colours fly and, to the sound of beating drums, marched through the streets. That same day, other members of the Battalion were taking part in Armed Forces Day activities at CFB Esquimalt, where they set up static displays depicting the many aspects of an Infantryman's life.

In the wee small hours of Sunday morning 18 July, the quiet of several hundred Patricia homes was shattered by the strident ring of the telephone. Bug Out? Surely they aren't serious? On Sunday morning? A few short hours later, a composite company, commanded by Major Brodie boarded a C130 Hercules at Pay Bay airport and headed for the Olympics in Montreal. Their task was to provide additional security for athletes moving from the Olympic Village to the competition sites. The quartering of the First and Third Battalions in the same school made for a healthy relationship in which new Patricia's met others and many friendships were made or reconfirmed.

The summer months gave the Third Battalion its well deserved leave, both in reward for its tour in Cyprus and in preparation for WAINCON 76.

WAINCON 76

WAINCON 76, for the Third Battalion, was an extremely critical phase of training because it had been just over a year since the Battalion had conducted live firing under simulated combat conditions — hence a refresher was needed. WAINCON 76 provided that refresher in all weapons and successfully confirmed individual combat skills through to small group tactics. It was because of WAINCON 76 that every member of the Battalion realized that the ability of the unit to carry out its operational roles rests with each of us being able to efficiently do our particular job in the field: first as an individual, then with others as part of our team. If we aren't proficient as individuals; the detachment, section, platoon or company cannot operate. And if these groups cannot function as teams, the Battalion will be unable to perform its mission in critical situations. The message here might sound more familiar when related, as was done by Lieutenant-Colonel Leitch, to the old proverb: "For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, etc."

WAINCON 76 did not end exactly as scheduled. The Battalion was ordered to send a company directly from Wainwright to Vancouver to provide additional security at the BC Penitentiary in New Westminster.

A Company, commanded by Major Manning, left its APCs in Wainwright and deployed by Hercules to New Westminster. The com-

pany was employed on perimeter security duties involving the manning of towers and routine patrols outside the prison. After a couple of weeks, B Company assumed the task and before the job was done, most battalion personnel had taken their turn. The tasks and responsibilities demanded were not unlike those demanded of the Battalion during its UN Peacekeeping role in Cyprus.

Finally, as tensions eased at the penitentiary, the company returned to Work Point Barracks leaving one platoon behind to man the towers until the Battalion was eventually relieved in December. All those involved in this operation are to be congratulated on their professional attitude and fine performance.

SPORTS

Battalion Sports this year consisted of volleyball, flag football, ice and floor hockey, water-polo and softball. The sports schedule was adjusted on a regular basis, to cater for individual leave and Battalion tasks. The end result was a series of short schedules and final competitions.

Support Company, commanded by Captain McLean, proved to have a remarkable influence on the Battalion Sports Programme, winning the league trophy in Flag Football and the play-off trophies in Flag Football and Softball. Headquarters Company played consistently well during the season in the new battalion sport — Water-Polo, where they won both the league and play-off trophies. They also took the league trophy in Softball. B Company was awarded the Cross-Country trophy for their excellent effort in the Cross Canada Run, a Base Esquimalt Competition, in which they placed first. Recce Platoon easily maintained this Cross-Country honour for the Battalion.

The Battalion is looking forward to the return of MacAuley Gymnasium to Battalion control and the introduction of a vigorous and challenging sports schedule in the Fall of 1977.

FALL 1976

Following WAINCON 76, both students and instructors undertook their preparations for the fall series of unit courses.

The Combat Leader's Course was garrisoned at the Albert Head Training Area and commanded by Captain Meckbach. The course trained in local areas and received all of its instruction at Albert Head. Corporal Pollock placed first of the 27 candidates to complete the course.

Following the Combat Leader's Course, these men remained together as a platoon under command of Lieutenant Thompson for Exercise QUICK OTTER IV, a seaborne deployment exercise, which was conducted on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The aim of exercise QUICK OTTER IV was to confirm operational plans and to introduce both infantryman and sailor to the requirements and capabilities of each other. The exercise was a joint success.

Christmas in Victoria is normally unlike most of Canada, with respect to weather, and 1976 was no exception.

The Battalion hosted the Officer's, Non-Commissioned Officer's and men's children to a giant Christmas Party and of course, Santa Claus received a special invitation; Captain Hill being all too eager to comply. A

large number of disabled children from the George Pearkes Clinic were invited and enjoyed the commencement of the Festive Season, with the Battalion providing entertainment and APC rides.

The Men's Christmas Dinner saw the youngest private in the Battalion being served his dinner by the Commanding Officer.

WAINWRIGHT AGAIN

Soon after Christmas, the Battalion found itself on the move once more — this time to Wainwright (what, again?) on Exercise RAPIER THRUST V for three weeks of intensive winter tactical training. The Battalion was joined by B Company, 1/8th Infantry from Fort Carson, Colorado. Most of the American soldiers had never undergone real winter warfare training before and found it a demanding and different experience. The same could be said for the majority of our own private soldiers.

The first phases of the exercise consisted almost exclusively of company and battalion battle drills. There were, of course, minor difficulties in adjusting to cold weather tactics, however, these were resolved through training and practice.

By the time H Hour rolled around, the Third Battalion was fully prepared to engage the Fantasian forces — pickle bags firmly fixed to weapon muzzles. The CO had the Battalion deployed in a manner which greatly increased its tactical mobility in difficult winter conditions. This was accomplished by employing APCs and sleds to transport the rear companies and to carry the extra equipment needed by the lead companies.

This was a different and well appreciated change from the traditional method of backpacking rucksacks and hauling toboggans. Many lessons were learned on Exercise RAPIER THRUST V and all concerned are much the wiser. In the words of Brigadier-General St-Aubin, Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group, "Exercise RAPIER THRUST V was a complete success."

The Third Battalion returned to Work Point Barracks at the end of January and to a climate somewhat more comfortable than Wainwright. Then, with no rest for the weary, it was time again for unit courses, this time including the 6A (Sergeant Qualifying) Course. The latter consisted of mechanized operations, mine laying, internal security and operations in all phases of war. The course, commanded by Lieutenant Newman, was conducted in Victoria and Chilliwack, B.C.

REGIMENTAL DAY

Regimental Day 1977 was celebrated in Victoria with a "Regimental Week" involving four major functions.

The first was a Band Concert on 15th March by the Regimental Band. March 16th saw a sports afternoon with a number of events: Broom-i-Loo, Tug of War, Chariot Races and a Chain of Command Race — all inter-company competitions were capped off with the traditional officers/sergeants Broom-i-Loo match. On 17 March the Battalion exercised the Freedom of the Municipality of Esquimalt. This was followed by an All-Ranks Ball.

SPRING 1977

The Spring of 1977 was a busy time for the Third Battalion. It was time to revamp the Battalion Drills and the time and effort put into the development, preparation and execution of these Battle Drills paid dividends later during WAINCON 77.

Mortar Platoon took advantage of the Artillery Practice Camp in Shilo and joined the gunners for two weeks in April 1977. This proved an excellent opportunity for the Platoon, consisting of inexperienced gun numbers, to actually train in all phases of war with the Artillery.

NEW VIKING

Lt Stewart commanded a Northern Viking platoon in the Spring of 1977. The CDS, visited the platoon and enjoyed chatting about Arctic survival and some new equipment the platoon was doing trials on.

The not-so-exciting thoughts of WAINCON 77 were pushed to the back of every soldier's mind when we were honoured by the visit of Lady Patricia Brabourne in early May. This visit was enjoyed by all and our Colonel-in-Chief took the salute as the road party moved off for Wainwright (again Wainwright????).

Our Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Leitch, CD, had the honour of turning over his command to Lieutenant-Colonel G. K. Corbould, CD, on 30 June 1977.

COMPETITIONS

Patricia's from the Third Battalion entered into two difficult competitions and won them both. The first was the Mary Otter Competition for first aid. The team, composed of Sergeant Karl Grohs, Master Corporal Albert Munday and Corporals Peter Gall, Joseph Comeau and Frederick Olsen, took top honours in the BC Provincial Competition. The Second was the 1 Canadian Brigade Group Small Arms Competition which ended with a trophy presentation ceremony that saw 3 PPCLI receive the Rams Head Trophy as the top major unit. Sergeant Ted Luscombe was the Individual Rifle Champion and Queen's Medalist.

AWARDS

We were pleased to learn that Sergeants' Toews and Warrilow had been awarded the Order of Military Merit. Sergeant Toews received his OMM for outstanding and dedicated service in the Canadian Forces. Sergeant Warrilow received his for actions in resolving a situation in Cyprus which could have resulted in a major breach of the ceasefire. These two NCOs have represented the Regiment in a most honourable manner and all Patricia's were delighted with the recognition awarded.

Chief Warrant Officer Lochrie recently retired from the Canadian Forces in the Fall of 1976. His last appointment was as RSM of Third Battalion PPCLI. RSM Lochrie received an OMM for having "filled every key other rank infantry battalion position at every rank level performing the inherent responsibilities of each to the highest standard of military efficiency and professionalism". Congratulations and best wishes are again extended.

OTD WAINWRIGHT

During this past year, the Third Battalion maintained an instructional cadre at the OTD in Wainwright. This staff included Lts Ron Kuban, Vic McLachlan, Dave Brooks, Les Palhazi, and Howie Hisdal; Sgts Stewart and Legood; MCpls Wong, Lowe; and Pte Nicholas. We received Arleux, Mount Sorrel, Somme, Bellewaarde, Hindenburg Line, Naviglio Canal, and Amiens platoons from OTD Wainwright. All of our new Patricia's have at least one Battalion exercise under their belts and have become experienced soldiers in a very short time.

In conclusion, this past year has been a most exciting one for the Third Battalion. It goes without saying that the Third Battalion is looking forward to WAINCON 78, 79, 80, 81





*Check your Equipment.
WO Koby checks his men to ensure that their gas masks are effective.*



*Machine Gun Course.
Cpl. Gardner instructs Pte Wallace in care and maintenance of the GPMG. The course went to Fort Lewis for its final phase.*



*Recee Graduate.
Lieutenant-Colonel Leitch presents a graduation certificate to a "typical" graduate of the Recee Patrolmen's Course.*



*Method of Instruction.
Pte Cuthbert gives detailed instruction to Pte Malcolm on the FNC 2.*



*The Combat Leader's Course.
BGen St-Aubin presents Cpl Joe Pollock with a trophy for being the top candidate on the CLC course.*



*The Sports Went On.
A typical no-contact flag-football game. Well almost!*



First Aid Competition. Cpl Comeau demonstrates how we won the Mary Otter First Aid Competition.



Maintenance as Always. Pte Scrutton (left) and Pte McKnight (right) prepare their APC for the Annual Brigade Inspection.



2 x 10 Miler. Cpl Angus Grant pipes Recce Platoon on the first leg of the two day march.



A Job Well Done. Pte Moday of Support Company, receives a 48 Hour Pass, from LCpl Leitch, for the best vehicle in the Annual Brigade Inspection.



How Soon We Forget? MCpl Fall ensures the men of A Company know the holding and aiming drills on the Carl Gustav.



A Short Refresher. MCpls Mickey and Clark conduct refresher periods of instruction for Headquarters Company.



Secret Weapon or a Reptile? Pte Butterfield demonstrates the handling of the infamous "Wainwright Crippler"



Trophy for the Victor. Cpl Anger receives the Water Polo Trophy for Headquarters Company.



Christmas at Work Point Barracks. Santa Claus (Capt Don Hill) greets children from the George Pearkes Clinic and dependants of the Third Battalion.



Winter in Wainwright. Pte Doyal was prepared for RAPIER THRUST V.



Winter in Victoria. Major Eyre and CSM Witt conduct a final inspection of Headquarters company before deploying on RAPIER THRUST V.



An A Company Soldier on Sentry Duty.



Chief Warrant Officer Certificate. Lady Patricia Brabourne presents RSM Buxton with his Chief Warrant Officer's Certificate.



The Great Golf Tournament. CSM MacDonnell tees off at the first hole of the Sergeants Mess Golf Tournament during WAINCON 77.



A Bird's Eye View. Maintenance Platoon is viewed from the air during WAINCON 77.



Freedom of Esquimalt. The 17th of March was celebrated with a parade in the municipality of Esquimalt.



Thanks for the Support. LCol Leitch presents a gift from all ranks to Mrs. Buchan for her support to the wives drop-in-centre during Cyprus.



Quarter Guard for the General. BGen St-Aubin is escorted by Sgt Chyke on arrival at Work Point Barracks in the fall of 1976.



Chain of Command Race. WO Okipski begins his once-round-the-track portion of the chain of command race.



The Retired Colonel of the Regiment Honors The Third Battalion. Maj. C.B. Ware, DSO, CD presents Major McMurray, OC B Company with the Regimental Day Sports Competition Trophy.



Crossing the Old Barb Wire. Pte Watt of B Company demonstrates how he will get himself and his section across this obstacle.



Unarmed Combat. CSM Witt watches as Pte Butt controls Lt Baker. It's O.K. — Pte Butterfield will be next.



Training for Battle. WO Battram demonstrates how a section trains together in preparation for the demands made by the new Battle Drills.



Farewell For Now. Lady Patricia Brabourne awaits the Battalion's departure for WAINCON 77.





3 PPCLI Wins Competition.

3 PPCLI won the 1 Canadian Brigade Group Small Arms Competition and received the Rams Head Trophy. The team consisted of the following:

Front Row: L to R - Cpl Hitchcock, Pte Taylor, Pte Mathison, Pte MacDonald, Pte Stewart.

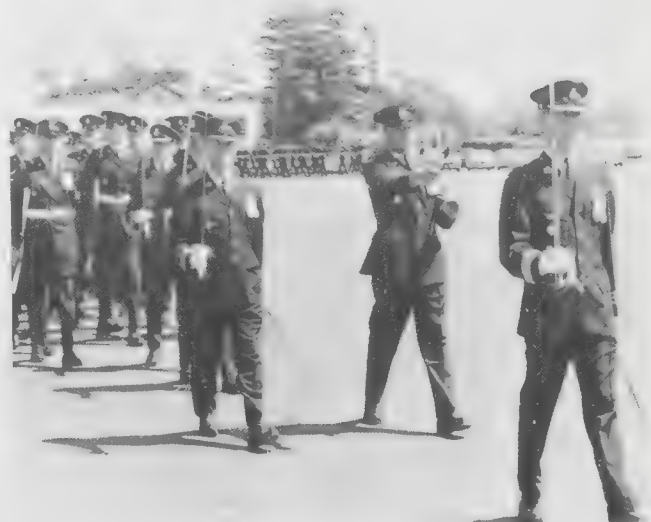
Back Row: Mcpl Rice, Pte Nickolson, Pte Turple, Pte Dymond, Cpl Greenaway, Mcpl Countryman, and Sgt Luscombe.



A Fine Farwell. LCol Leitch takes his last salute from the Third Battalion.



And then to Make it Official, LCol G. K. Corbould receives command of 3 PPCLI.



*The New Commanding Officer.
Col G.K. Corbould commands 3 PPCLI for the first time on the
attalion March Past.*



BATUS Preparation.
Mcpls Caven and Rooney instruct eating and drinking drills under NBCW conditions.



It takes Two to Tango, but three to dress.
From L to R, Ptes Osneyer, Walt, and Haskel inspect their equipment for Ex Medicine Man.



The Buddy System.
Pte Sims of Bravo Company gives a helping hand to one of his fellow soldiers, during a short training exercise before B Company deployed to CFB Suffield.



AUSCAN EXCHANGE.
MCpl Westacoff of A Company prepares a soldier to move across a single rope bridge in preparation for Jungle Warfare Training in Australia.



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AUSCAN 77

by Lieutenant R. Kuban

When A Company 3 PPCLI departed on an exchange programme to Australia, expectations were high. There was talk of strange things, places and even stranger animals; kangaroos and koala bears, boomerangs and bush hats, sheepskins and opals, leave . . . and, yes exercises and training. Throughout the months of August and September, all these fell into place and the picture which they formed was that of Exercise AUSCAN 77.

To everyone in the 150 man Company group, commanded by Major Manning, the trip to "down under" was long and tiring. Fortunately, the 18 hour flight was pleasantly broken up by an overnight stay in Fiji, but before the men could take advantage of Fiji's attractions, they were flown to Brisbane. From that moment, they were destined to spend nearly a whole month in the bush with but one day of rest.

Some 60 miles south of Brisbane, is the Australian Army's Land Warfare Centre. This was A Company's first stop where, billeted in tents, the company spent the next two weeks undergoing introductory jungle training in a counter-revolutionary warfare setting. The company continued to train, and acclimatize and there were many things that one had to get used to: the Aussie accent, slouch hats, early sun sets (1730 hrs) without twilight, dodo birds, gum trees, morning road runs (0545 hrs), tent city and open air showers, snakes, tics, spiders and leeches. Within days, the company settled into a rigorous routine of physical and mental training. The men picked up the pace, a cheerful attitude and applied themselves wholeheartedly to the training. "Showing up the Aussies" produced great results, one of which was credited to Private Ridley who broke a long standing time record in running the confidence course. Padre White also distinguished himself by running the obstacle and confidence courses twice in order to accompany each of the groups.

The days in Canungra hurried by, each bringing with it its own unique flavour. Day and night navigation exercises, M16 and M60 range practices, sneak, snap and gallery ranges, plus platoon attacks all played a fascinating part in the syllabus. Even snakes managed to get into the programme — Lt Kuban, while on a navigation exercise, detected a deadly Death Adder two feet away from where he sat for lunch. A quick Coup de Grace delivered by the Directing Staff provided the company with a new training aid.

By the 9th day of training the men were eager to face the jungle and were deployed on two quick exercises — Imitia Ridge and Visitors Vigil. The former was a one day platoon patrol and ambush exercise followed immediately by a two day company operation in the Glassy Mountain area, nearly 40 miles from Canungra. Snakes, tics, mites, leeches, jungle rats, tall "gum" trees and dense lantana created formidable obstacles for each of the platoons which operated along separate axes towards a company rendez-vous. From here, they carried out a dawn attack which eliminated the main enemy camp. Soon afterwards, exercise "cease fire" was called and the company was lifted by RAAF helicopters back to camp where a farewell sports day and B-B-Q were held.

Before leaving Canungra there was one more duty to perform. Assisted by local merchants, each man was duly equipped with all the necessary souvenirs — boomerangs, Koala bears, kangaroo skins and opals.

On 19th August, the company left Canungra and moved to Ennogera Barracks, the home of 8/9 RAR on the outskirts of Brisbane. There, the men were given the evening off, permitting them to relax prior to their next phase of training. This stage began early the next morning when the company was taken to Camp Kerr at the Tin Can Bay training area where 8/9 RAR was already involved in a Battalion exercise. Within hours, A Company 3 PPCLI was fighting side by side with its Australian hosts. A day later, the Battalion was off in an APC mounted operation lasting until the 23rd when, the company returned to Camp Kerr. It was fortunate that the next exercise, — Misty Point, — was not to start for another 2 days for the men were able to enjoy the natural beauties of Gimpy and the Sunshine Coast.

Exercise Misty Point, starting on August 25, was designed to practise offensive operations at Battalion and Brigade level. Consequently, at the section and platoon levels, there was little movement except for an occasional patrol or a large scale attack. Misty Point climaxed in a Brigade attack where D Company RAR (A Coy 3 PPCLI) proved itself as capable as its Australian counter parts.

Exercise "cease fire" ushered with it a period of relaxation for everyone. There was no doubt that the planned leave programme would be welcomed. Indeed, Captains Wild and MacDonald (our air man and PR man) set up a variety of leave programmes assisted by the RAAF and organized by the RAR. The men were flown to Perth, Sydney and Canberra, visited the Gold Coast and were hosted by numerous Australian families.

To most, the leave period was too short, but, as always, the return home was viewed with anticipation. Unfortunately, during the time off, Pte Murray was involved in a motorcycle accident forcing him to be left behind in Brisbane's Military Hospital. It was with sad hearts that his comrades left him. Another casualty during that period was Lt McLachlan who spent some time in the hospital but was fortunately released in time to return home with the company.

August 19th was designated as a Military Skills/Sports Day and A Company competed with 8/9 RAR companies. The men performed well. Three Platoon's team, commanded by Lt Hale, proved that one does not have to run 3 miles a day to win a 20 km race. Other teams and platoons proved that motivation and physical drive are the keys to victory. Doing well in all events, the company gained the respect of the Australians.

Finally, on 22nd September, A Company was on its way home. It had been a long but successful trip and all of our goals were more than adequately met. Our thanks are extended to the officers and men of 8/9 RAR.



"Happiness is . . . a battlefield promotion." CPL Butterfield.



"Have you met my Buddy?" MCPL Lazurko



"Who said this was good clean fun?" PTE Fenton attacking the Land Warfare Centre's obstacle course.



"What I'd give for a bath and clean clothes." MCPL Rech working his way through the obstacle course.



Walking the tight rope at the Land Warfare Centre. MCPL Lander.



Obstacle Course, Land Warfare Centre. PTE Ilkiw



"One, two, up and over." 2 Section Platoon going through the obstacle course at Land Warfare Centre.



"How I miss my C2 . . ." PTE Fenton.



Patience is the name of the game. PTE Soucie in the "I's" thick brush.



CPL Neilson covering enemy "Dead".



A hot coffee and a quick cam are the order of the day for SGT Morrison.



"NOT ANOTHER CASUALTY" CPL Lane, the company medical assistant treating PTE Mulaire.



Australian Delight . . . PTE's Humphrey and Arnot with two Australian friends. Brisbane's Lone Pine Sanctuary.



"It moved! I know it moved!" PTE Arnot patrolling through the bush.

1 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP OPERATIONAL TRAINING DETACHMENT

In the past year, 343 new Patricias graduated from the "Depot" and were posted to their respective battalions. The First Battalion received 105, the Second Battalion 60, and the Third Battalion 178. The following platoons graduated on successfully completing the training:

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Best Recruit	Pte Bolovay CD
Most Improved	Pte Thompson PA
Marksmanship Award	Pte Regehr RK

YPRES

Best Recruit	Pte Greenaway RG
Most Improved	Pte Charles FH
Marksmanship Award	Pte Greenaway RG

VIMY

Best Recruit	Pte Cuthbert DC
Most Improved	Pte Goddard BC
Marksmanship Award	Pte Deane DL

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Best Recruit	Pte Chandler DW
Most Improved	Pte Welfing CD
Marksmanship Award	Pte Rivers RJ

HILL 70

Best Recruit	Pte Cook MF
Most Improved	Pte Martell PR
Marksmanship Award	Pte Prezenski JC

KAPYONG

Best Recruit	Pte Ames DD
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Marksmanship Award	Pte Pleskie EP

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WO John Vasseur and Sgt Ivan McPhee with some "refreshments"



Maj Bill Bewick and Capt Jay Lapeyre after receiving an enthusiastic mud bath

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TRAINING AT THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT



VISIT OF THE COLONEL—IN—CHIEF



Lady Patricia addresses the all ranks luncheon held in Camp Wainwright.



Lady Patricia discusses training with members of Liri Valley Platoon.



Lady Patricia and Lord Mountbatten receive a demonstration of how to tie a rappell seat by a member of Agira Platoon.



Above and Below: Lady Patricia inspects the Depot Guard of Honour at Airfield 21. Members of the Guard are from the junior platoons in training.



Lt Gord Goral (1 PPCLI) explains the pugil equipment to Lord Mountbatten.



PPCLI TO BISLEY



THE QUEEN'S MEDAL

The coveted **QUEEN'S MEDAL**, presented by MGen P.A. Neatby DComd FMC, for individual Grant Aggregate Rifle, to Sgt Ted Luscombe, 3 PPCLI.



THE LETSON TROPHY

Presented by MGen H. Letson, CB, CBE, MC, ED, CD (Ret'd) for Unit Championship Rifle Team — 3 PPCLI, representing 1 CBG.

On the 6th of August 1977, for the first time in 16 years, the PPCLI won the right to represent the Canadian Forces at the Commonwealth Matches in Bisley, England in July 1978. In winning this right the Patricias won 17 of 22 matches at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition in Ottawa held from 04 to 06 Aug 77 incl. In the process the 1 CBG team had to defeat a strong CTC/RCR team, the 5 CBG/R22eR team and the SSF/RCR team.

The team consisted of the following members:

Capt Ethell	DS Team Captain	HQ 1 CBG
QMSI White	LA Team Coach	Now 1 PPCLI
Sgt Smith	GA	Now 1 PPCLI
Sgt Luscombe	EJ (Queen's Medal Winner)	3 PPCLI
MCpl Countryman	JG	3 PPCLI
MCpl Larcoque	JC	Now 2 PPCLI
Cpl Lauritson	N	Now 1 PPCLI
Cpl Haines	DC	Now 2 PPCLI
Cpl Logan	RG	Now 2 PPCLI
Cpl Hitchcock	SG	3 PPCLI
Pte Taylor	GE	3 PPCLI
Pte Turple	RM	3 PPCLI
Pte Loftis	PK	3 PPCLI
MCpl Dobson	TN	2 PPCLI
MCpl Sheppard	JC	2 PPCLI
MCpl Gilfof	WE	2 PPCLI
MCpl Rice	P	3 PPCLI
Pte Treger	GA	3 PPCLI
Capt Pippilo	D Team AO	3 PPCLI
Sgt Purdy	DF Team Armourer	LdSH(RC)

In addition to the major trophies and medals shown in photos on this page the team won the following matches:

"TORONTO"	MCpl Rice	P	3 PPCLI
"CORNWALLIS"	MCpl Countryman	CE	3 PPCLI
"UPLANDS"	MCpl Rice	P	3 PPCLI
"WINNIPEG"	Sgt Luscombe	EJ	3 PPCLI
"WAINWRIGHT"	Sgt Smith	GA	1 PPCLI
"COMOX"	Sgt Luscombe	EJ	3 PPCLI
"OTTAWA"	Sgt Smith	GA	1 PPCLI
"YELLOWKNIFE"	Sgt Luscombe	EJ	3 PPCLI
"STADACONA"	Pte Taylor	GE	3 PPCLI
"HOCHELAGA"	Pte Turple	RM	3 PPCLI
"NADEN"	Pte Treger	JC	3 PPCLI

(Team Falling Plates)

Our congratulations to this resounding win by the 1 CBG team — and our best wishes for their success at Bisley in 1978.



FORMATION CHAMPIONSHIP RIFLE TEAM TROPHY

Presented by MGen P.A. Neatby, DComd FMC to Capt Don Ethell, PPCLI, on behalf of 1 CBG Rifle Team.



THE GENERAL VANIER TROPHY

Presented by MGen P.A. Neatby, DComd FMC to the Championship Small Arms Team — 3 PPCLI, representing CBG.

THE CENTENNIAL TROPHY FOR FORMATION CHAMPIONSHIP SMALL ARMS TEAM

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THE REGIMENTAL BAND

by Master Corporal W. Gow

Most military musicians like to consider the year September to August in the following year. This is due to the heavy commitments placed on military bands in the Fall season. The 1976-77 year has been a very busy, but successful year for the PPCLI Regimental Band.

Returning from leave in September, our band was fortunate in acquiring some new members:

CWO John Roberti from Winnipeg
Sgt Neil Gow from Kingston
Sgt David Jones From Winnipeg
Sgt Andy Pokolinski from Norad (Colorado Springs)

The talents of these musicians have acted as a catalyst in inspiring the band to one of its most successful years. Despite an overall reduction in numbers, our band has managed to maintain our traditionally high musical standard, to diversify into more modern music (with vocalists), and to fulfill as many, if not more commitments than it ever has before.

A busy rehearsal schedule in the latter part of September prepared the band for the Calgary area school music appreciation program. Late October saw the band on a Northern Alberta Recruiting Tour playing to over 5,000 spectators in Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge and Slave Lake. Another recruiting tour took us to Prince Albert and Saskatoon in November, with audiences totalling over 10,000. December kept the band in the Calgary area playing to crippled children, old folks homes, the Firemen's Annual party for needy children and, of course, the Men's Christmas Dinners. The Christmas season is particularly gratifying to service musicians. We appreciate the opportunity to assist in elevating the spirit and thought behind the Christmas festivities.

A tour of Central Alberta in late February saw every music student in Red Deer area bussed to an afternoon concert in the Memorial Center. As usual, the band performed a concert that evening for the general public, and the house was packed. Perhaps the huge success could be attributed to Sgt Neil Gow's excellent public relations efforts, or the superb trumpet playing of Sgt Davy Jones that afternoon; however, we believe that the singing of our two recently promoted vocalists, WO Peter Jermus and Sgt Laverne Smith played a strong part. A total of 8,000 people viewed the 10 concerts given by the band in Central Alberta.

In March, the 3rd Battalion exercised its freedom of the city in Esquimalt and provided the first opportunity for the band to spruce up on parade square techniques. An invitational concert in the Victoria Museum Theatre was given and much needed contributions to maintain the band's Regimental Full Dress uniforms were gratefully received.

April took the band on two additional recruiting tours, one to Edmonton-Athabasca and the other to the Kelowna area. May started with the 1st Battalion's Presentation and Trooping of the Color Ceremony in Calgary's McMahon Stadium. How splendid the battalion looked on the green astro-turf.

In May the band's participation in Canada Day festivities in Williston, North Dakota saw the highlight of our concert season. Standing ovations by audiences attested to the high musical standard still maintained by the Regimental Band. Letters of enthusiastic appreciation from internationally reputed musicians and educators poured into our office the following week. A short trip to the Regina Cadet Tattoo concluded May's activities.

June opened with LGen Chouinard's retirement parade in Wainwright. Following this, the Lord Strathcona's Horse Trooping properly honed us for the Canadian Airborne Regiment Trooping in Edmonton. June also saw the arrival of Cpl C. Strom. So what, you say! Well, the "C" stands for Caralynn, and besides being an accomplished French Horn and piano player she is a lovely and intelligent young lady, and indeed, our first regular "lady" Patricia. (No pun intended.)

July and Stampede are synonymous in Calgary. After participation in the big parade and performing at several functions at which Prince Charles was in attendance, the band left for Ottawa for the Changing of the Guard Ceremonies on Parliament Hill. Leave begins in early August and September will once again find us preparing for the upcoming year.

Overview:

In addition to the duties listed above our band has performed for numerous functions throughout the year.

Three members have been lost to retirement over the past year:

Drum Major Jack Fisher
Sgt Harry Fussell
Sgt Claude Lemieux

All are well known and greatly missed for their talent as well as their comradeship. Fortunately they are all residing in Calgary and we will see them in the mess.

On the plus side, we have had a number of promotions this year, and in addition to congratulating these members we would like to mention that this attests to the excellent job being done by all ranks. With the inspiration of new talent in our ranks and the enthusiasm it creates, we are looking forward to another successful year next year.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND



*Captain Leonard Camplain
Director of Music
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Band*



*Chief Warrant Officer John Roberti
Assistant Director of Music
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Band*



*Sergeant David Jones
Solo Trumpet
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Band*



*Sergeant W. Neil Gow
Public Relations
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Band*

THE COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE

REFLECTIONS ON A HECTIC YEAR

By Captain Ken Nette

I suppose this story really starts in Cyprus, sometime during March 1976. The officer's career manager was making his annual pilgrimage to 3PPCLI, complete with his briefcase full of decrees. I knew it was coming. I had "beat the draft" the year before because of the upcoming Cyprus tour but had given up looking for a reason to extend my tour with 3PPCLI by another year. Oh well, I consoled myself, four years in Victoria was more than a lot of people get.

"CAS Gagetown," the man said. I must admit I wasn't shocked or disappointed (as so many are said to be when receiving similar news). I had resigned myself to an obscure desk near the coffee machine at NDHQ or FMCHQ so, in fact, CAS was good news. A short discussion on which "Patricias" were at CAS, who was leaving this year, and who would be arriving with me concluded the interview (having a "Patricia" for a Career Manager helps at times like this). I telephoned the news to my wife that night, then pushed it to the back of my mind. After all there was still the Cyprus problem to be solved and at least part of a salmon season waiting back on Vancouver Island.

It was 1400 hrs, 16 August, 1976, when I pulled into the New Brunswick town of Oromocto (Canada's Model Town) complete with truck camper, wife, two children and a very confused black Labrador. The trip across Canada had been spiced with a heat wave, black flies, rear end troubles, and two cases of mumps and chicken pox. Not exactly a relaxing experience, especially when daddy has never had mumps. Anyway, we had arrived.

The first few days were taken up with getting settled in a PMQ etc, etc, then on 24 August, resplendent in my S3, I reported for duty. The place was empty. I found a corporal clerk in the CAS orderly room who advised me that the CAS leave period had just started and there wouldn't be anyone around for a couple weeks. He had me fill out the usual in-clearance forms then pointed me towards building H-8, home of the Infantry Department. It appeared deserted but as I wandered about the main floor I detected movement above. On reaching the third floor I discovered a rather hefty individual walking towards me. He started the conversation with "good morning sir. You must be Capt Nette. We've been expecting you. I'm Drill Sergeant Major Murray and I'm PPCLI". He then proceeded to confirm the rumour I'd heard that I would be taking over the Small Arms Platoon, advised me that I had an Advanced Sniper Course starting in seven days and assured me that if I went to building D-7 I would find my staff. Off I went as directed. I don't think I uttered five words during the whole encounter.

I finally found building D-7, at the other end of the camp, and discovered it deserted (this was getting to be a habit). Back to building H-8 for further instructions. MWO Murray was nowhere to be found but there was a clerk in the Infantry Orderly Room. He gave me a letter he had been holding for me and assured me that my platoon 21C was in fact in building D-7, room 144. I took time out to read the letter before again venturing across camp. It was from Col Cowling, my old CO from 3PPCLI and recently departed CO of the Infantry Department. In it he advised me that I would be commanding the Small Arms Platoon (an organization who's existence I was starting to doubt) and in my spare time, would be running the continuation parachuting programme. Well, that sounds like fun, I thought, but the immediate problem was to find my new command. I wondered if Montgomery had had this much trouble finding the Eighth Army.

On my second trip to D-7, I finally hit pay dirt. The door to room 144 was open (I still swear it was locked the first time I was there). I strolled inside and there waiting for me like a couple of vultures were WO Ritthaler and MWO "Squeaky" Reid. My first impulse was to run as I would probably only get myself into trouble cavorting with a couple of bandits like these two. I'd served in the PPCLI Depot with MWO Reid in 1964 and had known WO Ritthaler off and on for six years with Second Battalion. He'd been with me on the "Trail of 98" in 1965 (See Volume XVIII (1965) of "The Patricia"). On second thought, my memories of these two were not that terrible so I decided to stick around for a little while. The first thing I noticed was that these guys weren't corporals any more. They were both Warrant Officers. Oh well, I thought, I'm not a second lieutenant any more either.

The next half hour was filled with reminiscing about the good old days and bringing the new OC Small Arms (I was starting to believe that the position actually existed) up to date on who's who in CAS. WO Ritthaler had arrived a year earlier and was just getting over his bitterness over a rather shakey reception. He had just become 21C Small Arms and would be working with me, for the foreseeable future. MWO Reid was 21C of the Armour Defence Platoon and one of the few TOW experts in the Canadian Army. Bill Miller and Ed Hale were both here in Pioneer Platoon and Bill Gray and Scotty Hamilton were teaching Officer Cadets in Leadership Wing. They were all Warrant Officers as well. Amazing how time flies, I thought, most of them were Corporals when I knew them.

All this talking had made me thirsty and as it was approaching 10 o'clock I decided to try and find the Officers mess and coffee break. I found the Headquarters and CAS mess without any trouble but, you guessed it, it was closed. I noticed people heading towards the 2RCR mess next door so over I went. For a camp that seemed deserted there were a lot of people at coffee break. I started bumping into old friends right away. First there was BGen EMK MacGregor, Commander CTC. He had been my first CO and was a man I have always admired. Then LCol Hunt the Base Adm Officer walked in, he had been OC C Company in 2PPCLI when I was Anti Tank Platoon Commander. Finally my new boss, LCol Stewart arrived. Working for him was getting to be routine. He had been senior subaltern when I first joined the Regiment in 1963, then was 21C of A Coy when I was 3 Pl Comd a year later. From July 68 to August 69 I was his Coy 21C in Germany. Now I was going to work for him again. He had just arrived from Cyprus where he relinquished command of 2PPCLI and would be the new CO of the Infantry Department. He hadn't actually checked in yet and appeared more bewildered than I was.

After coffee, I went looking for my office, (the one I had found before was Ritthaler's). It turned out to be in building D-10 instead of D-7 and was locked. It took me a while to organize a key, but once in I got right to work. It turned out that there wasn't any work to do, at least not right away. My predecessor, Capt Jim Trick has left a well organized shop behind him and everything was set to go for the upcoming sniper course. This gave me a chance to look around the camp and get myself oriented. I found Capt Dave Rudd working away in Officers Wing running a LOFT course (land familiarization for helicopter pilots). I had met Dave a couple of years earlier when he was passing through Victoria on his way to the Jungle Warfare Course in Australia (he almost made it there), and of course I had run into his father several times over the years. He had been baby sitting the parachuting programme for me so we had a lot to discuss. It seemed that the Regiment was well represented there as well. The senior jumpmaster was WO Johnston and MWO Reid was the senior drop zone controller (that guy seemed to be turning up everywhere.)

The next old friend I encountered in my travels was Major English. Major Jack and I had served together in Third Battalion. He was now a Gagetown veteran going into his third season. His current job was probably the most difficult one on base, trying to keep over 400 vehicles on the road with less than 180 drivers. Somehow, he also found time to coordinate Regimental Affairs.

It was about this time that I ran into Capt Marv Dyck. Our association went back to Germany in 1966 and I'd been running into him off and on since. He had just finished a tour with RSS in Winnipeg, had arrived in Gagetown a month before me and was working in the CAS Standards Section.

I didn't know it at the time but we would be working very closely together in the months to come.

The Sniper Course got off on schedule. In addition to WO Ritthaler, I had Sgt Blair Singer and a bunch of people from "those other regiments" helping me. During those first few weeks I learned as much as the students did and somehow managed to stay one day ahead of them. It was during these hectic first few days that reinforcements started arriving from the "Army of the West". The first to arrive was MCpl Bill Turner. I ran into him and his family in the parking lot of the Oromocto shopping centre. They still had their camper trailer hooked to the car and had a worn out look about them (after all, it is 4000 miles from Victoria to Gagetown). They seemed relieved to see a familiar face and I helped them out by directing them to the townsite office. Shortly afterwards, WO Gill Hopkins' truck camper pulled into camp followed by WO John Dickies' Volvo. They both took up positions in Leadership Wing, grooming future officers. Although it was a couple of months before I ran into him (Gagetown is a big place). Sgt Reg Gurr also arrived about this time and went to help Major English look after his 400 vehicles.

It wasn't long before the leave period ended and people began coming back to work. It was a time to renew old acquaintances and to establish new one. First there was Capt Mike McMurtrie. Mike had been Adjutant and OC Support Company during my recent tour with 3 PPCLI. He had left Victoria the year before me and was now working 18 hours a day as SO2 Standards; a thankless job if ever I saw one. He had plenty of help from the Regiment, however. In addition to Marv Dyck, he had Capt Dave Giacomelli (a recent arrival from Calgary) and MWO Hryhoryshen in the section.

Next there was Capt Paul Ronksley. We had been roommates in OCP but our paths hadn't crossed since. He was into his second year at CAS and was working in Officers Wing planning Company Commander's courses and the like. Those days were full of surprises. Like running into Cpl Ed Cody. He had been a C2 gunner in 2 platoon when I was 21C of A Company, 2 PPCLI, in Germany. Now he was driving OC Advanced Specialty Wing around and generally making himself useful around wing HQ.

It was also a time to meet Patricia's I hadn't met before; Capt Dan Davies the Base Adjutant, WOs Ed Bakker, Dave Yendall and LA Johnston of Leadership Wing, Sgt Luke Carmichael of Leadership Wing and WOs Bob Clark and Paddy McEachern of the Armoured Defence Platoon. Like everyone else at CAS they were all busy getting the fall course schedule going. One of the busiest people was Capt Hap Stutt. He had just finished a years penance on the FMC writing team (the price one pays for a two year swan in England) and was now launching his first Phase 2 officer's course. I had worked for his father, Major Bill Stutt, though, when he was CO of the depot. (It's situations like this that make one start to feel old).

Although not officially a Patricia, our Australian exchange officer, Capt Bill Studley had been adopted by the Gagetown Patricia's and was con-

sidered one of us. I found him to be a true professional and developed a high regard for both he and his wife, Kate. Unfortunately they returned to Australia three months later so I didn't really get to know them well.

About half way through the Sniper Course we had our first Regimental get together. BGen MacGregor was retiring and, of course, would be leaving Gagetown. As many as could, got together for one last drink with him and we gave him a pewter salver to remember us by. LCol Art Neadow, himself a recent Gagetown veteran, also put in an appearance. He had just completed a year in the Middle East and was in the process of picking up his family en route to his new posting in Western Canada.

This and the other such occasions during the past year have given me a chance to meet the Patricia's working in places other than Infantry Department. On the old friend list, there was Sgt GD Granger, a communications instructor in the Armoured Department. We'd served in Third Battalion together. Also from Third Battalion were Sgt Danny Gaudett, MCpl JC Welsh and Cpls BE Arsenault and ET Cruickshanks. They were all working for Major English in the Field Mobility Group. At one time or another, in the past, I had worked closely with all of them and it was good to see them again.

The Artillery Department also had its' token Patricia in the form of Sgt Steve Kozlik. I hadn't met him before but, regardless, it was good to see that we had some input into the Mortar training given our soldiers by the Artillery (why we don't train them ourselves I still haven't figured out).

The Advanced Sniper Course finished and, with only five days to catch our breath, we were off on the fall Combat Small Arms Course. The Sniper Course had been a success. Not bad for a first effort, I had thought at the time, and the top student had been a Patricia; an old friend from Third Battalion by the name of Sgt Luscombe. Half way through, WO Ed Hale had joined my team of instructors. His years of experience with Regimental Small Arms teams made him a valuable addition.

On the first morning of the Small Arms Course, I was amazed to see the number of old comrades attending it. Some had been in Cyprus with me five months before while others I hadn't seen in years. I made a point of inviting them all to the Patricia Meet and Greet party the following weekend. This was a gala affair held in the Brownfield Sergeants' Mess. Many people worked to make it possible, but MWO Jack Murray was the driving force behind the whole thing. A good percentage of our Patricia staff members were there as well as a number of students. By this time I had met most of the Gagetown Patricia's so it was a time for socializing rather than meeting people. I did run into one old friend, Capt John Desolla. I'd first met John in 1963 at the RCS of I and had bumped into him periodically over the years. He was the Area Cadet Officer (Land, of course) for New Brunswick, and as he was on the road a lot, he predicted I wouldn't see much of him. He was right.

October turned to November and along with the first cold weather came the graduation, under platoon commander Capt Bill Studley of the Phase 3 OCTP Class. As it turned out, it became a predominately Patricia affair. Nine of the graduating officers would be coming to the Regiment, among them the top three candidates led by Lt Pete Hoffman winner of the Canadian Infantry Association Trophy. The reviewing officer for the graduation parade was MGen GG Brown, Deputy Commander Mobile Command and Senior Serving Patricia. We put together a Regimental team to take care of him with Cpl Cody as his batman, Cpl Arsenault as his driver and myself as ADC. The whole affair came off very well, concluding with an informal PPCLI get together just before the General left. Major Bill Minnis, the PPCLI liaison officer at Fort Benning, Georgia (he also represents the rest of the CF) who was also in Gagetown at the time, dropped in to say hello and renew a few old friendships. Gen Brown had a great time talking with the troops and I'm sure that if it hadn't been for an Air Canada schedule, he would have spent the whole evening with us.

November also saw the arrival at CAS of two other old friends. Capt Ron Johnson arrived from 2 PPCLI to take over Armoured Defence Platoon and become the Canadian Army's resident expert on TOW. I had first served with Ron from 1965 to 1969 in 2PPCLI. More recently, he had been following me around the world. He replaced me in UNEF HQ, in Egypt, in 1974 and 18 months later replaced me in Cyprus. Now he was following me to Gagetown.

The second new addition was Capt Vince Kennedy. Vince had been a platoon commander in A Company 3 PPCLI when I first arrived there in 1972. Six months later he left to serve his country overseas and was now returning, after four years service with 3 Mech Cdo, to pass on his knowledge to a new generation of young officers.

The Small Arms Course finished on 16 December and, again, I had managed to stay one day ahead of the students. We all learned a lot. Two significant events occurred that month. The first, and happiest, was the promotion to MWO of Bill Miller and Tom Reid. The second was the disbandment of Mike McMurtrie's Standards Section, the first of many changes to rock the establishment in the months to come. Some say that Mike cried for days following the announcement but I don't believe it. I saw him the next day and mad yes, but weeping no. This move was the Infantry Department's gain, however. Mike bundled up all of his Infantry standards crew and moved over to "The Department". All but MWO Hryhoryshen, that is, who moved to CAS HQ to get a grip on the range control operations.

Probably the last official activity of 1976, other than Christmas, was a parachute jump from a C130 on 19 December. It involved one of those freak winds at 500 feet which don't show up on the Navigator's instruments. As a result, I landed several hundred yards from the DZ on the edge of a road. Others weren't quite so lucky. Marv Dyck, Bill Miller and Ed Bakker all landed in the trees. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt but it took three hours to recover their parachutes. Bill Miller's chainsaws from his pioneer stores came in very handy as we had to cut down 35 trees before we were finished. I shouldn't have laughed so hard, though, because six weeks later I was in the same situation. An updraft caught me and, being a little guy, up I went. When I finally came down, I was off the DZ and into the trees. One minute, I was heading into a soft spruce tree landing, not overly concerned about the whole thing, the next, I was hanging onto the peak of a very dead tree towering above all the rest, with my partially inflated chute flapping in the breeze and attempting to break the top off the tree. If that happened, it wouldn't only be the tree that got broken. I felt like King Kong clinging to the top of the Empire State building. I got rid of my chute, (that stopped the creaking in the tree) did a quick check for broken bones and then started down. It was a hairy trip down, as the tree had virtually no branches and as I write this, several months later, I still have the marks left by that tree on the inside of my right leg. The Regiment got back at the tree, though; Ed Bakker cut it down while recovering my chute. I'm sure he was laughing the whole time.

The parachuting programme had been going very well. Two things happened shortly after I took over the programme which changed its character considerably. First, the restriction on jumping from Huey helicopters was lifted. With two helicopter squadrons on base, our aircraft problems were over. Secondly, CAS lost the 40 permanent parachute positions and we all went on casual parachute allowance. Initially this looked like disaster. In the long run, it has worked out all right.

Prior to this change, the training and safety officer (me) maintained a 40 man active list and a waiting list. Everyone on the active list received para allowance. Every four months, anybody who had been on the active list for more than a year ceased jumping and was replaced by someone on the waiting list. My past records, however, showed that getting some of the people on the active list out to jump was akin to pulling teeth. When the change came, it was amazing the number of people who were no

longer interested in parachuting once the 75 dollars per month was gone. This isn't surprising when one considers that the programme was virtually being run by the Regiment with LCol Stewart as Senior Parachutist, WO LA Johnston as Senior jumpmaster and WO Scotty Hamilton as Senior Drop Zone Controller. (He'd replaced Tom Reid in October). And, of course, there was me. Any Patricia with an airborne flair (and I find that most have) now has a good chance of going directly onto the active list on posting to Gagetown. The money isn't what it used to be, but you don't have to worry about being bounced off the list after a year anymore.

January is traditionally the make and mend month at CAS and 1977 was no exception. In the Small Arms Platoon we worked away at getting ready for the winter Combat Small Arms Course and the spring Advanced Machine Gun Course. My organization changed slightly with Sgt Blair Singer moving to Leadership Wing and WO Scotty Hamilton taking his place. He had been earmarked to replace our exchange WO with the British Army and he needed some experience as a Small Arms instructor. It was about this time, also, that MWO Miller left his beloved Pioneer Platoon to become Wing Sergeant Major of Officers Wing. There were changes in the officer slate as well with Capt Dave Rudd leaving Infantry Department to become SO3 Coord in the "Head Shed".

By this time we were well into the Maritime winter. Being from the Prairies I was used to lots of snow and after four years in Victoria I was no stranger to winter rains; but not both at the same time! The resulting mess is something to behold. If you leave something out on your driveway during a blizzard anywhere else in Canada, you just dig it out with a snow shovel the next morning. In the Maritimes you need a hammer and chisel. Either that or wait for spring. All kidding aside, however, Gagetown has a lot to offer during the winter. Both my wife and I took up cross-country skiing and we had several family outings ranging from tobogganing down Mount Douglas to catching smelts through the ice on the St John River.

January was also the month we all put up our red and white PPCLI flashes and made a point of wearing our work dress as often as possible. The heavy demand led to the establishment of Major Jack's kit shop which was to expand its inventory considerably over the next few months. January also saw the departure of the Studleys and their replacement by the McDaniels. We quickly took Dan under our wing and both he and his wife Dale, became part of the family.

February came and went with the Small Arms Course going full out and the Advanced Machine Gun Course getting closer. This was to be the first such course in several years and it had to be redeveloped from scratch. Marv Dyck was writing the course package and to make it easier on all of us, he moved into my office. Many an hour was spent discussing POs, EOs and main teaching points.

On 22nd February, we all got together to say farewell to WOs Bob Shewan and Ed Hale who had come to the end of their soldiering careers. LCol Stewart presented them both with their Regimental retirement certificates as well as pewter salvers from the Gagetown crew. Other matters of noteduring February were LA Johnson's one hundredth parachute jump and Dave Yendall's promotion to MWO.

March arrived and of course with it, the Regimental Day. We began our preparations early with Major Jack at the point, assisted by MWO Jack Murray, and Capts Vince Kennedy, Dave Giacomelli and Dave Rudd. To start it off, in keeping with a tradition set last year, we all assembled at the Red Cross blood donors clinic for Regimental blood letting. It didn't quite come off as planned but WO Ed Bakker had his picture taken "dripping" with the CO. On the 17th we couldn't get going with our broom-i-loo game until 3 o'clock in the afternoon as this was the earliest we could get the ice. When Rittahaler phoned at 11 a.m., to advise me that he was leaving work to start celebrating at Ed Bakker's home, I figured we had it made. Rittahaler was goalie for both the Sergeant's Mess and Infantry

Department broomball teams and it was certain that he would be in the nets for the other ranks that afternoon. With a little luck he should be in fine shape by 3 o'clock, I thought. (Sort of like the way Napoleon thought he had it made before Waterloo).

At the appointed time, I reported to the King's Arrow Arena, dressed in my battledress tunic and VP belt (it's amazing how old uniforms will shrink just hanging in a closet) all set to do battle. One by one the opposing players arrived on the scene and, after a short delay while the referee, Major Allen Bower, our British Exchange Officer, learned to use the skates he was wearing, we got right at it. The opening ceremonies were brief with the ORs team giving us a quick look. Then we were off. Our initial strategy was to put the biggest mass we had, in the form of Hap Stutt, in our goal. We quickly found, however, that it takes more than mass to stop the first line from the Sergeant's Mess Broomball team and that was what we were up against. When the score got to 5-0, the CO decided we needed a new goalie. Resplendent in his blue patrols he took the post himself. Two goals later it was Dave Rudd's turn.

It was a hard fought game with many antics but nothing malicious. Several times I got close to Ritthaler and each time one of his fairy god-fathers would appear from nowhere and take the ball away from me. The final score of 7-0 for the ORs secured the Spent Trophy for the Officers for another year.

Following the game we adjourned to the "Pig and Whistle", our normal meeting place, for picture taking, clam chowder and a special birthday cake. That evening, the Officers gathered in the "Blue Room" of the Officer's Mess for a mess dinner arranged by Dave Rudd. It was an excellent affair with just the immediate family present. Our wives were a little (in fact a lot) upset over not being invited so they all got together at my house for a party of their own. All in all, it was a very successful March 17th.

March, of course, was also the month we joined Patricia's around the world in putting up PPCLI flashes and buttons on our greens. It made us feel just that much prouder on Friday morning parades.

The big event during April was the Officers Kapyong dinner at the Dragon City Restaurant in Fredericton. Almost all of the officers and their wives attended as well as most of the Patricias attending the Company Commanders Course. The affair was organized by Lt Bob Gallant. Bob had graduated with the Phase Three class in November and had stayed on as part of the staff of Leadership Wing running pre-para and winter warfare training for between phase cadets.

By this time the snow had gone and the mud had arrived. Somewhere along the way the Small Arms Course had turned into the Advanced Machine Gun Course. Again there were old friends to train including five from Victoria, (I still tend to identify with Third Battalion).

As May arrived, the weather improved somewhat and the training area started to dry out. We tried to organize an officers luncheon for Frezenberg Day but everyone was so busy, it just wasn't practical. Major Jack and a couple of others were available so they celebrated for the rest of us. We were able to get a quorum together, though, to say farewell to WOs Cec Bonner, and John Dickie. Both had served a year in Gagetown, Cec running the VTR section and John working with officer cadets, and had come to the end of their soldiering careers. Cec planned to settle down in the Maritimes (for a while at least) and John was headed back to Victoria. They both departed with their Regimental Retirement Certificates and pewter salvers clutched firmly in their hands.

Every May, a curious phenomena occurs in Gagetown. Strange instructors appear, even stranger young gentlemen arrive, normal organizations dissolve and the whole place turns into an Officer factory. The first to arrive are the increment staff. This year all three battalions coughed up and Capt Ralph Schutt, WOs Arndt and Scott and Sergeants Harb,

Helchy and Bouchard joined the team. They barely had time to get themselves organized when their first group of charges arrived.

The summer officer training program even swallows up the Small Arms Platoon. The Advanced Machine Gun course was hardly over when my merry band reported, en mass, to Major Allen Bower at Officers Wing. We were responsible for running the first four weeks of the Phase Four Officers course. This is primarily a range conducting course so it was right up my alley. In early July the course changed to a tactics course so Ritthaler and the rest of my staff went off to teach Militia Marksmanship coaches and Militia Sergeants Major. I stayed on as a syndicate DS along with Cpts Marv Dyck and Ron Johnson. Capt Paul Ronksly, the power behind the throne in Officers Wing, had put the course together and was now making it work. Pte Bowden, the OC's driver formed the rest of the PPCLI contribution to the 1977 Phase Four staff. This course finishes on 12 August then on 31 August the fall Sniper course starts and we're back to where this article started.

Gagetown is a big camp and it's hard to remember everything that goes on in the course of a year and all of those who make it possible. To those of you I haven't mentioned so far, I apologize. No Charlie, (meaning Cpl Naugler) I haven't forgotten about you up at Field Mobility Group. Nor have I forgotten Sgt Bob Fife in the Sergeant's Mess, Cpl Daniels in Training Aids or Pte Rice in Training Support.

As I sit here madly trying to beat the deadline for the "Patrician" (I think I might have already missed it, so this might be all in vain), I can't help thinking of how quickly this past year has gone by. I can honestly say I have worked harder than at any other time in my career. I've also accomplished more.

For those of you who have yet to do a tour with CTC (CAS ceased to exist a couple of months ago to become the Ops and Instruction Branch of CTC) all I can say is that you are in for a demanding but rewarding experience.



MGEn GG Brown, CD presenting Lt Hoffman with the Canadian Infantry Association Trophy.



LCol RI Stewart and WO EJ Bakker dripping for a good cause while the rest of the crew look on.



The Gagetown Crew on the 17th of March.

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from Mrs. Roger Schjelderup, Honourary Social Secretary, U.K. Branch

In this, Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee year, the U.K. Branch was fortunate and grateful to be invited by Commander and Mrs. Barry Nation to hold our annual luncheon at Hatch Court, Taunton, the stately and beautiful home of the founder of the Regiment.

We were honoured and delighted when our Colonel-in-Chief, The Lady Patricia Brabourne, accepted the President's invitation to be present, and to meet the members of the U.K. Branch for the first time. For various unavoidable reasons, distance, illness, absence from the country, some of our most faithful members were unable to attend, but on June 15th we numbered nineteen, gathered at Hatch from many parts of England. As he does each year, Mr. André Verstraete travelled from Ypres, Belgium, especially to join us.

Lady Brabourne, who lives near Ashford, Kent, had spent the previous night with her father, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, at his home "Broadlands", Hampshire. LCol. D. T. Cottingham and his wife, Rusty, drove from CDLS, London to call for her there, and accom-

pany her to Hatch Court where Commander and Mrs. Nation were waiting to welcome her. On her arrival, a bouquet of flowers was presented by me, on behalf of the Association.

After meeting our group, Lady Brabourne was taken to see the "Gault Museum", a most wonderful collection of Regimental scrapbooks, photographs, gifts, and military items, displayed in a special room.

At lunch, the toasts were proposed by LCol Cottingham, and a short speech was given by the President, Lt Col D. H. Rosser. Lady Brabourne was able, before and after lunch, to speak to all those present, with her ever-gracious interest and concern. It was a memorable day, and we are so grateful to her for making it so.

May I express the appreciation of all the members to Anne and Barry Nation for their warm hospitality and generosity. It was especially meaningful that Lady Brabourne should meet the U.K. Branch in their home — Hatch Court, with all its memories of the past.



Hatch Court, June 15, 1977. U.K. Branch Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

First Row, left to right: Mrs. R. de Vic Carey, The Lady Patricia Brabourne, Mrs. B. Nation

Second Row: Cdr. Barry Nation, Mr. John Townson, Lt. Col. D.T. Cottingham, Mr. Peter Rosser

Third Row: Ltd. Col. W.J. McDougald, Miss Marie Barnett, Miss Pearson

Fourth Row: S/Sgt. J. Maitland, Mrs. D.T. Cottingham, Mr. I.A. Pearson, Mr. Kerr Boxall, Ltd. Col. D.H. Rosser

Fifth Row: Major R. de Vic Carey, Major A.H. Constant, Mr. Andre Verstraete

Missing: Mrs. V.R. Schjelderup, who took the picture.

KOREA

Editor's Note:

The following article appeared in the March 26th edition of Korea Newsreview; as well, we are enclosing letters from the first two Korean students to be assisted. One by the Fund and the other by Major R. N. Patterson.

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM CANADA



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry scholarships were delivered to two Korean schoolboys at Kapyong North Middle School in Kapyong, Kyonggi-do last week. The Canadian Infantry participated in the Korean War (1950-53) and the PPCLI battle monument is located on the school campus. Maj Richard N. Patterson, U.N. Command liaison officer from Canada, presented the scholarship from the PPCLI Regimental Executive Committee to first grader YI Hae-ku and a private scholarship to Pak Sung-chul, a second grader, who received the first PPCLI scholarship last year.



YI Hae-ku in the uniform of his school seated with his parents.

Dear Canadian Uncle PPCLI Who Participated in the Korean War,

Uncle, please read this letter. Sultry summer is over and it is fall with golden waves all over the fields. The temperature drops suddenly in the morning and evenings. How is your health these days? I am YI Hae-ku receiving scholarships from you. Encouraged by the scholarships from you I am studying hard. As a result, I won the first place during the first semester. I am going to score good marks in the monthly examination in late September. My family is all at peace without any trouble. This fall every one is busy harvesting crops. It is delightful to reap crops for which one worked so hard. Under the guidance of our school principal and teachers, all the students are putting forth the best efforts to learn. We are picking up chestnuts and pinion nuts on our school farm. (On Sundays, I sometimes visit the Canadian Monument of the Korean War and do cleaning the area and lawn mowing.) Our country is now moving forward to enjoy the status of an advanced country. This year's export goal is set at 10 billion dollars. We have successfully tide over the devastation from the Korean War provoked by KIM Il-song and are advancing toward the goal of economic development. We have a resolute determination to crush any aggressive act by KIM Il-song and his clique. To this end, we are all united in harmony. I will close now. Good Bye.

From YI Hae-ku
September 15, 1977

Dear Major Patterson:

August 7, 1977

How have you been doing in these sweltering summer days, dear Major? First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Ambassador and all others in your Embassy.

I need a help from a translator to have this letter translated because my English is not good enough to write in English. I thank the translator.

My sincere apologies for my tardiness in letter writing. I have been really busy in studying, but I finally found time to write a letter as we went into summer recess.

Together with my friends, I had very pleasant first semester. I meant to write to you since the beginning of the second year. However, it has been delayed until now due to my "reluctance" (tardiness).

I have been well aware of the fact that I have been attending school with your kind assistance. I should have written to you sooner to thank you for your help. Again, my apologies.

Is everyone alright in your family? Is everything alright with your work? Having realized that I could attend school with your help, I worked very hard to demonstrate my gratitude to you. As a result, I finished the first semester as the top student in my class. Nevertheless, I am afraid that I may be academically lagging behind those students attending city schools. Without worrying about my ranking in my class I am studying very hard during the summer recess to attain more knowledge and improve myself.

Our school master always insists upon us to think three times before making a move. We have an old saying which goes, "a word pay off a debt of thousand coins". In other words, slip of tongue is liable to create a misunderstanding (mistrust) among (individuals and) nations, thus drawing criticism. I believe you always talk carefully - - only talk responsible words for being a well educated person who is holding an important position. I am sorry if I sound impolite to you by asking such a question.

Our teachers, in support of the spirit of our school master, are teaching us very well. It seems that I am not good at English. Therefore, I am going to review the first grade English grammar and vocabulary during the summer recess.

I would close this letter for now. I wish your entire family be always happy. Looking forward to hear from you. I would like to know your address. Goodbye.

Bak Sung Chol.

Dear translator, please translate this letter for Major. Thank you.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my honour and privilege to have served as your president since August of 1974, a total period of two years and nine months.

In September, I visited Victoria and Calgary and inspected the PPCLI Cadet Corps there. On your behalf I awarded Association Trophy to the Calgary cadet Corps.

Your General Committee met yesterday and the results of that meeting will be presented to you in a few minutes in the form of definite proposals. I would like to highlight a few of the main points.

It is time now for us to review the terms of reference for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and to reconsider the composition of the Board of Trustees. With the unfortunate passing of LCol Cobbett, there is a requirement to appoint a new financial advisor and trustee. In my capacity as President, I have appointed Don Gower to fill this vacancy. In addition, Major Campbell has pointed out that his position as Secretary Treasurer and his appointment as a trustee could create a conflict of interest. I support his recommendation that these two positions be separated and that another trustee be appointed in his place.

Some years ago, we approved a provision which gave financial support to the PPCLI Cadet Corps. Over the years, this support has risen from less than \$500.00 to in excess of \$1200.00 and now consumes the bulk of the income received from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. This increase is typical of the general rise in expenses experienced by all organizations and individuals, and we are now faced with the choice of either limiting the financial support provided by our fund, or of increasing the invested capital. This and the ready availability of other grants for education purposes has raised some concern that the Fund is not fulfilling its aim and I have directed The Ways and Means Committee to review the whole concept of the Fund and to report to your Executive.

We have also had some difficulty in collecting Branch dues and the dues from members-at-large. I will be corresponding directly with the appropriate Branch Presidents concerning this affair, and we will table the entire concept of members-at-large later on in this meeting.

I am pleased to report that the new Patrician has met with much more success than the previous version. One more branch has resumed taking the annual journal and I would encourage the remaining Branches to reconsider their positions. Equally important is our contribution to the journal. To those of you who complain that it contains little of interest to the ex-serving member, I would state that the journal is as good as its contents. If we wish to have a place in the Patrician, then we must contribute to it by submitting our Branch reports, reminiscences and so on. If it doesn't apply to us, surely that is because we are not providing the material.

At the last meeting, you were introduced to the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee, and after some discussion, these proposals were tabled for discussion at this meeting. I regret to state that only the Vancouver Branch has seen fit to comment on these proposals and the explanatory letters which followed them. The Ways and Means Committee met again in Ottawa last December and has again reiterated the requirement for support from our Association. I wish to make it absolutely clear that the regular force portion of our Association are not requesting financial support on their own behalf. What we are being requested to do is to pay our own way by sharing of certain expenditures from which we, the Association, derive direct benefit. I urge you to view the proposals from this point of view and to resolve the issue at this meeting.

This then is a summary of most of the business before us and the details will be provided as we proceed through the agenda. There are two other points, however, worthy of special mention. First is the motion to appoint Dr C.E. Corrigan as an Honourary Life Member. Doc Corrigan's contributions really need no publicity. He has been one of the most generous contributors to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund since its inception. He has been active with the Winnipeg Branch for many years, and is a true Patricia.

Finally, this weekend marks the end of an era and the beginning of a new one. The presentation of the new Colours to 1 PPCLI marks the last official act of General Ware as our Colonel of the Regiment, but not, I am sure, his involvement with it. I know there is no one in this room who is not fully aware of the contributions made and support given to the Regiment for almost 47 years by this distinguished soldier. Words alone are insufficient to thank him for his constant efforts on our behalf and I therefore move that General Ware be appointed a Vice Patron of our Association as a signal of our respect, appreciation and thanks.

I would like to record an official welcome to the new Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Brown and to wish him as much success as his predecessor.

In closing, let us remember that we are missing one of our most respected members and a Vice Patron of our Association. Pinky Corvosso passed away in Victoria last month and we are all the poorer for losing him.

The President's motion on the appointment of Major General CB Ware as Vice Patron and Dr CE Corrigan as an Honourary Life Member were seconded by Colonel JC Allan and passed unanimously.

Note:

The above report was submitted by Mr. EJ Dodd, the retiring President, at the Annual General Meeting held at Currie Barracks, 7 May 1977.

CALGARY BRANCH, 1977

Looking back over the events of 1977, the Calgary Branch had a truly busy year. At the first meeting in January, President Jim Shinn decided it was time for some "new blood" on the executive committee and observing good democratic practice, the following were elected:

President — Jim Pritchard
Vice President — Ken Villiger
Secretary Treasurer — Kas Zoboski

Members congratulated and thanked Jim Shinn for a job well done over may years. At a subsequent meeting the following committee appointments were made:

Membership — George Delroy
Ways and Means — Jack Nairne
Entertainment — Andy Kralej

The first order of business was a drive for new members and we are now happy to report that our membership stands at 122 and is still growing. Well done, George.

On May 8th, 1977, many of us witnessed what had to be one of the most magnificent Presentation and Trooping the Colour ceremonies ever performed. Everything about the day was perfect, and when the "Old Guard" formed up, it was difficult to tell whether the troops on parade or the "Old Guard" were the proudest. A truly memorable day.

On October 2nd, 1977, the Calgary Branch presented a Badge Replica and Plaque to No 1 Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. This was to commemorate their 50th Anniversary and a long association between the Regiment and No 1 Branch. This two foot high replica is displayed in a "shadow box" and stands in a place of honour among other Corps and Regimental Badges. This short presentation ceremony was followed by a reception attended by about 75 of our own members and their wives and an equal number of Légionnaires.

The final big event of the year was a Regimental Associations' Dance. This was a "combined operations" affair with the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadian) Regimental Association. This gala night started out in a casual conversation between Fred Jefferson, the Ld SH (RC) President, and Jim Pritchard. After a lot of hard work by both committees, it turned out to be a night when the food was fantastic, the band "just right" and the company excellent. Some of our older members cut a pretty mean figure on the dance floor. The affair was so successful we plan to have one like it every year.

The Calgary Branch is looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1978 and would be happy to hear from any visiting "out-of-town" Patricias. We can be contacted through Regimental Headquarters at CFB Calgary.

VANCOUVER BRANCH, 1976

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch was held at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants Mess at Jericho Beach on Sunday, February 15th, 1976. M. (Mel) Parsons was elected President and Major C. Pyne was elected Vice-President.

Our Annual Dinner was held on March 17th at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess at Jericho Beach. There were 50 members present. Colonel L.W. Basham was guest of honour. In his address to the membership, he gave a very interesting talk on Regimental activities and showed the Trooping of the Colour film done in Edmonton in 1964. A most enjoyable evening for all concerned.

On October 16th the Branch held a Wine and Cheese party at the Jericho Beach Officers' Mess. We were honoured once again with the presence of Colonel and Mrs Basham. Also in attendance were our good out of town supporters from Chilliwack, Helen and Harold Grouette and Hope and Harry Chatry. Peter MacLennan was in town on a visit from Scotland and it was a pleasure to have him with us as well.

The Vancouver Branch held four Executive meetings in 1976, as well as the two social functions mentioned earlier. A great deal of effort was put forth to create interest and enthusiasm within the Branch. Allan McKinnon will be our guest of honour at our March 17th dinner and we look forward to another good year in 1977.

TORONTO BRANCH, 1976-77

Our only official meeting last year (1976) was the Annual Dinner, and although small in number, it was very enjoyable to all. We had as our guests, Peter O'Hanlon of Bramalea, Ontario, a professional/amateur theatrical singer, and Major Dave Campbell from Calgary, Regimental HQ. Peter gave a very interesting talk on, "Military Music and Songs, Down Through the Ages", and how the conditions at the time, had influenced the lyrics and melody. He illustrated each example by rendering a few bars of the songs in his marvelous baritone. But these were only teasers, and it was not until after dinner and we had all settled down for a sing-song that he really gave forth and we ran through from, "Roses of Picardy", to "Sweetbrair Was Never Like This". Just like the old days!

Dave Campbell brought us up to date on, "The Regiment To-Day", and the re-organization taking place in Calgary. It was really heart-warming to hear, after worried questioning from Red Fulton, that the History of The Regiment and respect for the traditions established through the years are still part of the indoctrination of the new recruit on joining The Regiment.

During our Annual Dinner, Dave Pearce (2265553) paid tribute to the Annual Observation of the Battle of Frezenberg stating that those men, by their sacrifices in that battle, gave birth to one of our greatest traditions — steadfastness in battle under the most trying conditions. Dave stated that those gallant men should never be forgotten and went on to recite this piece of original verse:

In Memory of Frezenberg

To The Bravest of The Brave Citizen Soldiers

*As long as Faith and Freedom lasts
And the world goes round the sun
This stands, The Canadian Line held fast
And so the fight was won.*

*The greatest fight that ever yet
Brought all the world to deth,
A fight of two great nations set
To battle for the earth.*

*And one there was with blood aflame
To make the earth his tool,
And one there was in freedom's name
That mercy still would rule.*

*It was a living line
Of Canada's gallant youth
That fought the Prussian one to nine
To save the world for truth.*

*That bleeding line, that fallen fence
That stubborn ebbing wave
That string of suffering human sense
Shuddered but never gave.*

*And day came in and night wore on
 And when the moon was gone,
 Murder burst out with fiercer din
 And still the fight raged on.
 Ah, never yet did men more true
 Or souls more finely wrought
 From Cressy down to Waterloo
 Fight as those young men fought.
 And this is their abiding praise,
 No future can undo,
 Not once in all those staggering days
 That avalanche broke through.*

Dave Pearce (2265553)

Dave is our Travelling Ambassador for the Toronto Branch, and I never know from where I am going to receive the next letter. Dave spends his winters in Florida and returns to Toronto for May 8th and the summer. A couple of years ago he returned to his birthplace, Rickingham, Suffolk, England, to run down a little bit of Regimental history. It seems that during 1890 and 1894, five boys were born in the village, brothers Henry and John Whistcraft, Wallace Warren, Harry Smith and David Pearce. They grew up together but in 1907, went their separate ways. Their paths cross again later on. They all came to Canada and they all joined the PPCLI. The Whistcraft Brothers and Wallace Warren were killed in action in France, but Dave doesn't know where and he would like to find out. Harry Smith died in Ontario about three years ago. Dave is the last surviving member of the "5 Musketeers of Rickingham", as Dave calls them.

Please convey greetings and sincere best wishes from Toronto to Patricias everywhere, and in particular, to those still serving.

IN MEMORIAM

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
 We will remember them"

487359	Allen EF, OBE	at Vancouver, B.C. 10 Jan 77, Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 Jun 1916, SOS 30 Sep 1917
240439	Allison, GW, MM	at Burlington Ont. 9 Jan 77, Joined PPCLI in the Field 15 May 1918, SOS 7 Feb 1919.
487387	Bainbridge, JW, MM	at Calgary, Alta. Dec 76, Joined PPCLI in the Field, 9 Jun 1916, SOS to RAF 25 Sep 1918.
455729	Boxall, P, MM	at Chobham, UK, 18 Oct 76. Joined PPCLI in the Field, from the 49th Bn, Served as Secty Treasurer of the UK Branch of the Association.
	Brett AC	at Treasure Island, Florida, 3 Apr 77. Joined 3 PPCLI as a Coy Commander in April 1955. Served in a variety of Staff Appointments until his retirement in 1965.
2193313	Brockelbank Jh	at Regina, Sask, 30 May 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 4 Nov 1917, SOS 25 Mar 1918.
458807906	Burke JR	at Burke's Falls, Ont. 2 Sep 1977, TOS 15 Aug 1977, SOS 2 Sep 1977.
H16157	Cadzow CM	at Winnipeg, Man. 12 Oct 1976, TOS 14 Sep 1939, SOS 16 May 1942.
McG251	Cameron CA	at Vancouver, B.C. 23 Mar 1976. Joined PPCLI in the Field 1 Sep 1915, SOS to B.E.F. 25 Sep 1915.
51116	Carvosso JH, MC & Bar	at Victoria, B.C. 9 Apr 77, Joined PPCLI in the Field 6 May 1915, SOS 20 Mar 1919.
	Cobbett SA	at Montreal, P.Q. 7 Feb 77. Joined PPCLI 24 Feb 1940. SOS 19 Nov 1945.
M60672	Cropper FA	at Calgary, Alta. 7 Feb 1977. Joined PPCLI 16 Jan 1941. SOS June 1945.
	Cole, Cooper, OBE	at Toronto, Ont. 12 Sep 1976. Joined PPCLI in the Field as MO 2 Jun 1915, Wounded 24 Feb 1916, SOS 20 May 1916.

H12049	Davidson, WE	at Calgary, Alta. 17 Nov 1976, Joined PPCLI 17 Aug 1944, SOS 16 June 1945. Enlisted Special Force Served in Korea with 1 PPCLI.
SA800429	Davy, EL	at Edmonton, Alta. April 1977. TOS 2 PPCLI Aug 1950, SOS 1 PPCLI Sep 1967.
McG204	Henstridge, FCB	at Baie D'urfe, P.Q. Feb 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 1 Sep 1915, SOS 3 May 1917.
2265605	Isnor, CL	at Almonte, Ont. 21 Mar 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 22 Aug 1918, SOS 30 Aug 1918.
475897	Jarrett, GB	at Fordingbridge, Hants, UK, 9 Aug 1976, Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 Feb 1916, Taken POW 2 Jun 1916, rep 21 Mar 1918.
157606	Johnston GK	at Toronto, Ont. 15 Mar 1976. Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 Jun 1916, SOS 20 Mar 1919.
ZM1094	Kearns, DOR	at Burnaby, B.C. 17 Jul 1977, TOS 3 PPCLI 10 Sep 1951, Served with 2 and 3 PPCLI, Commanded PPCLI Regimental Depot Sep 1961 to July 1963.
411047	Lord, EE	at Victoria, B.C. 18 Dec 1976, Joined PPCLI in the Field 28 July 1915, SOS 16 Nov 1915.
2266039	Lunan, W	at Toronto, Ont. 3 Apr 77, Joined PPCLI in the Field 14 Jul 1918, SOS 2 Sep 1918.
P22081	Mack, FL	at Victoria, B.C. 22 Nov 76, Joined PPCLI 1 Sep 1939.
475932	Marshall, CG	at Victoria, B.C. 30 Sep 77, Joined PPCLI in the Field 6 Dec 1915, SOS 23 May 1918.
410955	Milne, AR, MM	at Brighton, UK. 17 Jun 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 28 Jul 1915, SOS 13 Mar 1918.
475929	McPhail DC	at Uxbridge, Ont. Apr 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 Feb 1916, Wounded 2 Jun 1916, SOS 17 Jun 1916.
487516	McFarland AJ	at Santa Barbara, Cal. 24 Dec 1976, Joined PPCLI in the Field 16 Sep 1916, SOS 2 Jun 1917.
489831	Pederson PN	at Victoria, B.C. 19 Aug 76, Joined PPCLI in the Field 14 Jan 1917, SOS 19 Jan 1917.
H16123	Saniuk W	at Winnipeg, Man. 10 Sep 1977, TOS 13 Sep 1939, SOS 8 Apr 1944.
826439	Sargent F	at Victoria, B.C. Apr 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 15 Aug 1917, SOS 29 Nov 1917.
H1603	Slater JA	at Winnipeg, Man. 20 Feb 1976 TOS 11 Sep 1939, SOS 22 Sep 1944.
P21402	Terlesky PW	at Victoria, B.C. 29 Aug 1977, TOS 1 Sep 1939, SOS 15 Oct 1940.
H16505	Trottershaw JM	at Winnipeg, Man. Jun 1975, TOS PPCLI 16 Dec 1939, SOS 29 May 1940.
McG135	Teskey FC	at Toronto, Ont. 3 Apr 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field, 1 Sep 1915, SOS 20 Mar 1919.
	Willberg GE	at Kamloops, B.C. 29 Dec 1976, Served in Korea with 1 and 2 PPCLI.
489839	Yorke SA	at Peterborough, Ont. Mar 1977, Joined PPCLI in the Field 14 Jan 1917, SOS 21 Oct 1917.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS



The First Battalion Letter

During Holy Week the battalion flew to Cyprus to start a six months' unaccompanied tour. In effect we were to become two battalions, one of which joined the United Nations Force and the other of which garrisoned the Eastern Sovereign Base Area at Dhekelia. The two battalions were completely and officially independent of each other; contact between the two, acting as they were as an international and national contingent respectively, was not permitted, although needless to say by frequent sleight of hand and changing of berets we maintained close links with each other.

The Commanding Officer, Edward Jones, led "B" and "C" Companies off to the west of Nicosia with half of Battalion Headquarters and a small Headquarter's Company to operate under the blue flag of the United Nations. Since the 1974 war the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have polarized and are now almost completely separate. Only some 4,000 Greeks remain in the north, mainly in the isolated Karpas district, and these trickle south in response to Turkish pressure at the rate of two or three hundred a month. In the south are only a few dozen Turks. As a result the United Nations Force was redeployed in October 1975 along the line of the demilitarized zone. This zone is divided into six sectors. The battalion was responsible for Sector Two, a corridor some twenty-five kilometres long ranging from one and a half to three and a half kilometres in width. To the west was the Danish contingent and to the east the Finns, who guarded Nicosia Airport, the Canadians, who were responsible for Nicosia itself, the Austrians and the Swedes.

In the Eastern half of the battalion's area "C" Company was based in St. David's Camp with Battalion Headquarters and deployed most of its soldiers in comfortable modern houses which had been annexed as observation posts. Despite an unpromising start to life as "Camp K" prison camp in E.O.K.A. days, St. David's Camp had been much improved and provided very adequate accommodation.

To the west "B" Company were based in a box factory at Pano Zodia: a hangar-like building of uncompromising discomfort. The company manned four outposts which were, until the last days of the tour, under canvas. A small troop of Royal Engineers from 22 Regiment R.E. were attached to the battalion and worked closely with "B" Company, building their O.P. huts and coaxing an accident-prone grader out of its shed to keep the patrol tracks passable.

Another group which worked closely with the battalion was the small contingent of Australian civil police, commanded by Chief

Superintendent Fred Luther. In the most trying situations they were good humoured and tireless in their support and proved most enjoyable companions.

The two companies controlled very different types of ground and this affected their tasks. "B" Company's area was mostly the rich citrus groves of the Morphou plain and Cpl. Brennan ran a full time escort agency which provided riflemen as escorts for the local Greek farmers and prevented them from straying too far north in the demilitarized zone towards the Turks. "C" Company had more open ground which was visible from the Turkish positions. Here farmers were also escorted but their movement could be controlled more easily by fewer escorts. Observation Posts were manned by half platoons, although leave often whittled them down to section strength. Each was commanded by either the platoon commander or the platoon sergeant and the former learned much about basic administration. One of the most obvious benefits of the tour was the great improvement in the riflemen's confidence when briefing visiting officers or talking on the radio.

At the extreme western edge of "C" Company's area was the village of Avlona. Formerly a wealthy Greek farming community, it had recently been colonized by the Turks. All the most significant confrontations took place here. It was the only place where the Turks opened fire and even when it simmered uneasily it influenced actions throughout the battalion area and often in the other national sectors as well.

Although the summer was cooler and shorter than usual, fires were a constant hazard in the demilitarized zones, mainly in those areas where vegetation happened to limit Turkish fields of fire. Most agents spying out the Turkish lines as was alleged, it was hard to tell. They were helped by Greek fire engines which would trundle through the zone, but whether manned by firefighters or by agents spying out the Turkish lines, as was alleged, it was hard to tell.

An unusual feature of Cyprus soldiering was the addiction to "conferences" — usually a brief discussion which was the prelude to a gargantuan meal, a visit to a point of local interest and vast amounts of alcohol. These happened every month and at every level — commanding officers, operations officers, quartermasters, signals officers, (the same agenda as for the signals warrant officers the previous week!) down to "welfare" and "travel" officers. Swedes and Danes in particular confused us by sending three or four officers to any

conference. Despite this tendency to over-egg the pudding the social life was quite agreeable. It was a pleasant surprise to find that the Canadian battalion in Nicosia was the 2nd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In any confrontation with the Turks the usual response was to deploy a small multinational force to avoid allegations of national prejudice. It was always reassuring to find a strong Canadian P.P.C.L.I. element in this force who could be relied upon to act and think as we would ourselves. Off duty we had several pleasant evenings together despite the pressure generated by Avlona. While the riflemen found a generous welcome at the Maple Leaf Complex the officers were welcomed into the splendid mess next to the Canadian headquarters in the Ledra Palace Hotel where our affiliation strengthened considerably.

So the tour passed, leaving a kaleidoscope of memories. Unfruitful meetings with obstructive Turks or with angry, bewildered Greek farmers; weeks spent on the dusty plain, the weekends in Troodos or on the coast; endless guards of honour; worn out vehicles overhauled with a coat of white paint; luncheon in Kyrenia, depressingly empty of tourists, the bright canopies of the Harbour Club like rouge on old cheeks; fragmentary pictures of some loose entente with Austrians, Finns, Swedes et al; an insight into bureaucratic soldiering and the stifling hegemony of New York. All — it is said — in the service of Peace.

In mid-August the band and bugles, who had been left in England for the season as the only Light Division band in the Kingdom, came

out to join us and we made full use of them. One evening at the end of September, as a finale to our tour, they sounded Retreat at dusk on the floodlit square with the usual ceremony amplified slightly by the participation in a symbolic manner of some of the riflemen whose duty it had been to maintain the security of the Sovereign Base Area during the preceding six months. Afterwards the officers and sergeants entertained their guests to a buffet supper or barbecue in their respective messes.

On 13th October we all began to be relieved in the United Nations and at Dhekelia by the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment and flew home to England for a fortnight's leave. For both halves of the battalion it had been an instructive, if totally different, tour. Perhaps the most interesting lesson learned by both was that for a period of up to six months it is perfectly possible to run effectively what amounts to a whole battalion with only half the normal staff, albeit with no slack to spare at all. One just hopes that our political masters will not seize on this as an excuse for a permanent fifty per cent cut in the command and administrative elements of an infantry battalion.

Editor's Note;

Unfortunately space available did not permit the printing of activities concerning the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions. It was felt that due to our First Battalion proceeding to Cyprus early in 1977, that the foregoing article would provide some insight into conditions in Cyprus at this time. Our thanks are extended to the First Battalion Royal Green Jackets for an interesting and a timely article.

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